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CHAPTER 143
MINOTAUR

SEI ICHI-SAN~

ALL THE TIME...

OVER AND OVER.

SEI ICHI-SAN~

OVER AND OVER.

*Amako's first name is Seiichi.

TAP

SO, SEIICHI-SAN.

.....

THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

MY MY, YOU'RE WORKING HARD.

M...

.....

NO!

HUH? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

I DON'T... ANY-MORE...

YOU

MOTHER ...

ONE OF THE CHOSEN ONES!

YOU ARE SPECIAL!

YOU ARE

YOU MUSN'T GIVE UP!

IF IT'S YOU, IT CAN BE DONE! I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO QUIT!

SO! HURRY UP! IT'S NOT FINISHED YET YOU KNOW.

SO!

SO!

SO!

WHAT'S WRONG, SEIICHI?

ALWAYS,

FOR THE NEXT DAY, AND THE DAY AFTER THAT.

IT'S FATED THAT YOU DON'T STOP.

OVER AND OVER.

OVER AND OVER.

SMACK

AS SOON AS I PAMPER YOU, IT'S THIS NONSENSE!

THIS KIND OF THING... IS A HINDRANCE!

I SHOULD NOT HAVE BROUGHT YOU THIS AFTER ALL!

IF IT REACHED MINOWA'S TURN.

.....

THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE REASON.

A1

THE ROUTE FROM HERE IS ALREADY DETERMINED...

D3

WITH THIS... THE MATCH IS OVER.

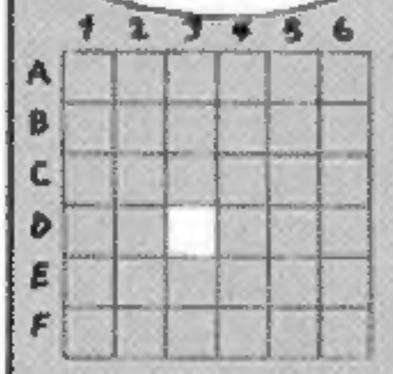
THE GOAL CAN BE REACHED.

→ MARCO
↓
MINOWA
↓
USOGUI
↓
AMAKO

USOGUI COULDN'T REACH THE GOAL... AND NEITHER COULD MARCO...

IT'S MINOWA'S TURN.

AND NOW, MINOWA HAS REACHED HERE, D3...



WHO REIGN VICTORIOUS.

THE EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE, THE SPECIAL,

AFTER ALL, THE BALANCE OF THIS WORLD IS MADE BY

...UCH

HUU... HUU

PANT

JUST A LITTLE FURTHER,

.....

GOOD JOB, MINOWA.

...UCH

...UCH

O... UCH

...O

IT HURTS.

IT HURTS.

HUU... HUU

.....O ... OUCH

NEXT SHOULD BE THE MP PRESEN-TATION BETWEEN US.

AND IT WILL BE OVER.

.....

IT DOESN'T MATTER BUT

WE SHOULD EACH PRESENT IMP.

ALTHOUGH IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER NOW.

UGH...

N... NO WAY... THIS...

.....

THIS

MONITOR ROOM, DO YOU COPY... IT'S ME.

.....

IS COMP-LETE.

THE RECO-VERY...

START THE RECO-VERY.

EVEN

.....

THAT IS

NO LONGER A PERSON, JUST AN OBJECT.

...R

REFEREE .....

IF YOU'RE WATCHING THEN YOU SHOULD KNOW.

HE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO RESUSCITATE THAT...

EVEN IF THERE WAS A GOD,

HIHI

HI

HUU

HUU

HUU

NO

THIS KIND OF THING... THIS KIND OF THING

IS NOT NECESSARY!

AS SOON AS I PAMPER YOU, IT'S THIS.

THIS KIND OF THING... THIS KIND OF THING IS A HINDRANCE!

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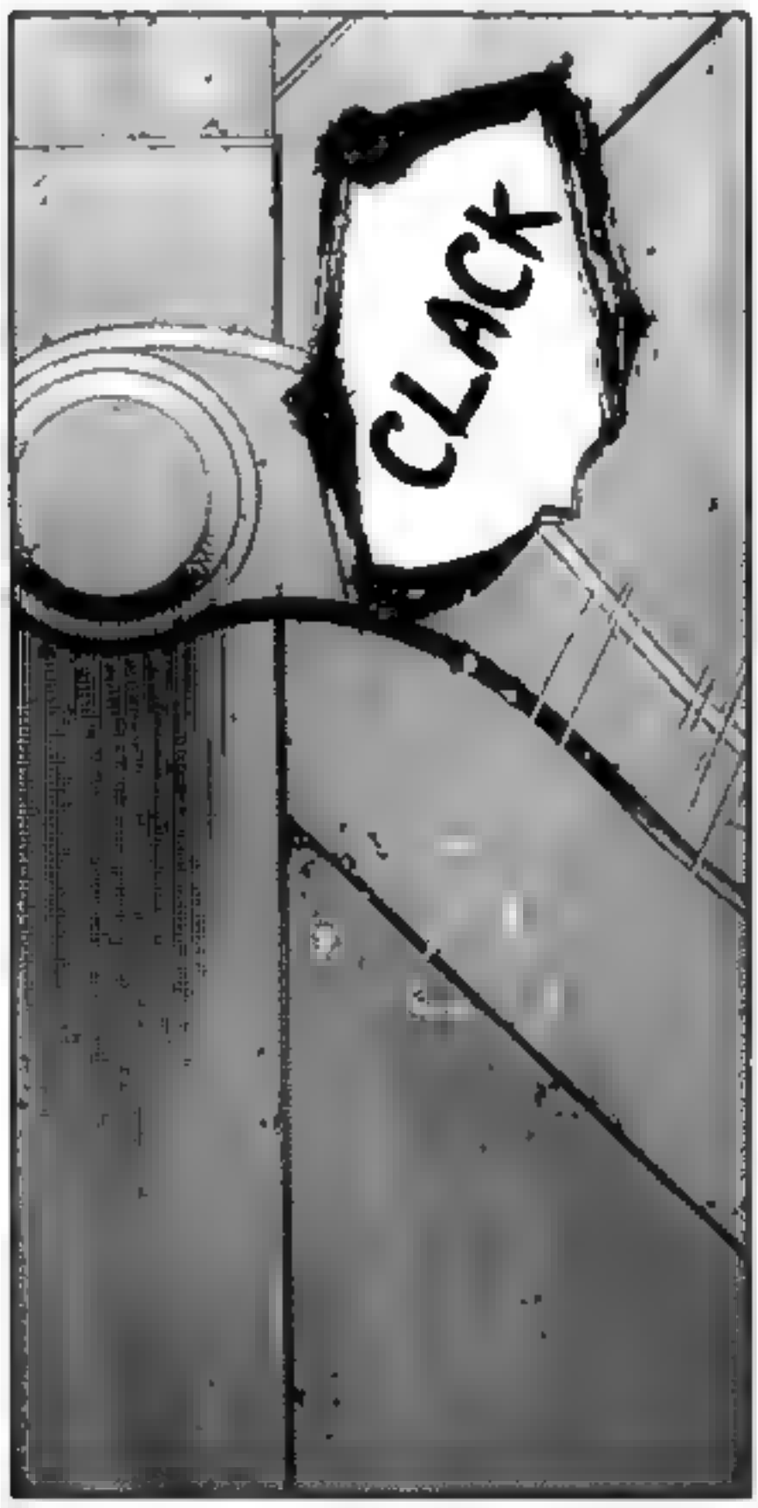
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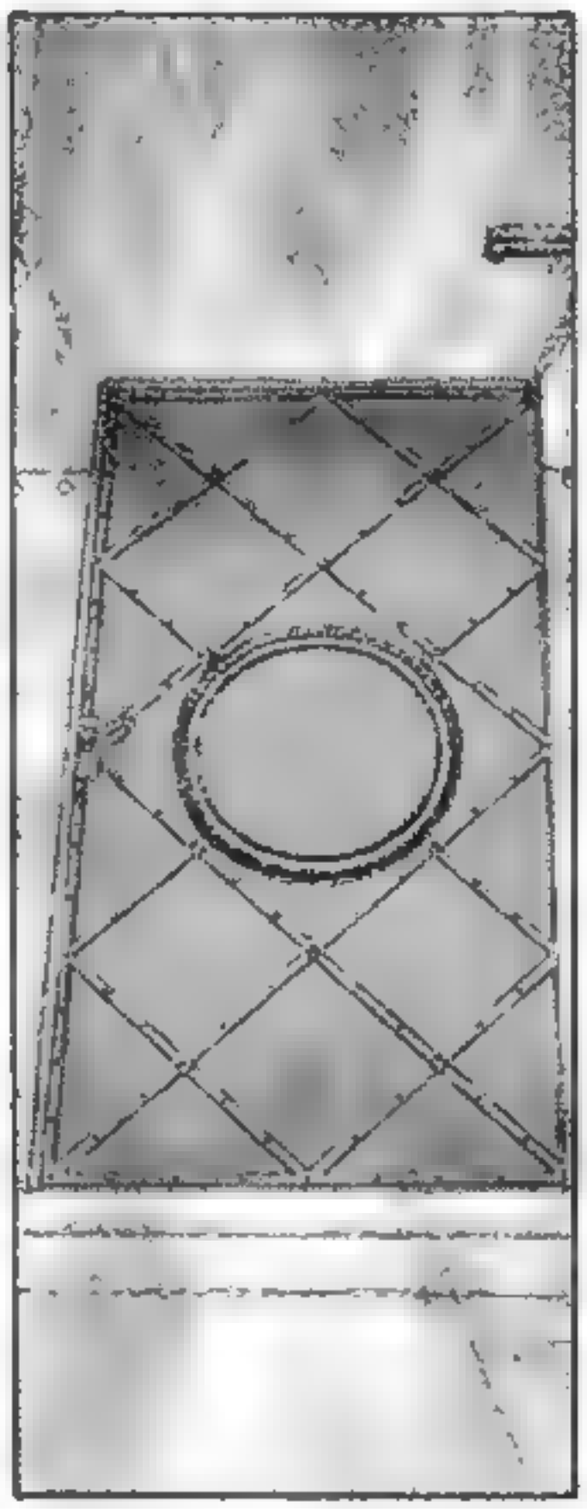

HUU
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HUU
HUU

SO SEIICHI!

SO!

YOU MUSTN'T DO THESE KINDS OF THINGS ANY MORE!!

*The kid was actually Minowa as his first name is Seiichi too, but the Kanji are different.

SEI ICHI

SEI ICHI

勢一

SO

SO

SO

MINOWA-
SAMA,

BAKU-SAMA.

YOU HAVE ENCOUN-TERED

WANT...

TO EAT!

WANT... TO EAT.

TO FAT. EAT.

I HAVENT HAD ENOUGH ...

HUU

HUU

HUU

HUU

WANT... TO EAT.

OVER AND OVER.

* Minowa mumbles "Want to eat", and make it sounds like "It hurts". They have similar pronunciation in Japanese.

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HUU

HUU

HUU

HUU

.....

HE

SWISH

MINO WA SEI ICHI

.....

RIGHT NOW...

HAS BECOME THE MINOTAUR OF THIS LABYRINTH.....

PLEASE PRESENT THEIR MP.

NOW WILL BOTH PARTIES,

CHAPTER 144: TWO MONSTERS

THE CALCU-LATION OF MP IS DONE.

THE WINNER WHO CAN DOMINATE THE M TIME IS...

!

MINOWA-SAMA.

THE 30 SECOND M TIME, START.

PUT

WE HAVE TO CONFIRM YOUR ROUTE TO THE GOAL.

NOW,

...

NEVER MIND.

MINOWA ...

WHAT ...

...

ARE YOU TRYING TO DO?

!!

DROPPED ... YOU ...

THIS...

WHAT ...

IS THIS... I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS.

TCH... HOW TROUBLE-SOME.

WATER

C3...
THE ROOM NEXT DOOR ...IT'S WET.
WET.
IT IS
WET
IT ...
IT
MY... BODY ... DOESN'T LISTEN TO ME.
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW. ...
ANY-THING ABOUT IT.
DID NOT
I
HEAR
CRACK
CRACK
CRACK
WANT ...TO EAT!
IT'S... NOT ENOUGH ...
WANT ...
TO EAT!

Huuuu

Huuuu

Huuuu

Huuuu

Huuuu

Huuuu

Huuuu

Huuuu

PLEASE PRESENT YOUR MP.

NOW,

ALRIGHT,

MAKE YOUR DECI-SIONS ...

YOU HAVE TWO PATHWAYS.

STEP

HUUUUU

.....

!

I'M AFRAID THIS WILL BE THE FINAL DUEL.

SOLVE THIS LABYRINTH,

BREAK THROUGH IT WITH YOUR OWN FEET... OR NEVER BE ABLE TO STEP ON THE GROUND AGAIN.

WILL PRESIDE OVER THIS DUEL.

I, KADO KURA YUUDAI ...

I WON'T FORGIVE HIM... I'LL...

MAKE ME LIKE THIS.

HOW DARE HE...

EAT HIM!

WHERE

UGH

UGH

WHERE

WHERE IS... THAT BRAT.

HOW

HOW...

TO EAT !!!!!

TO EAT!

I

UGHHH, WAAAA AAANT ...

IT ON!

BRING

HUU

HEE

USOGUI CAN USE IS...

THE MAXIMUM 1MP THAT...

TIME'S UP.

PLEASE PRESENT YOUR MP.

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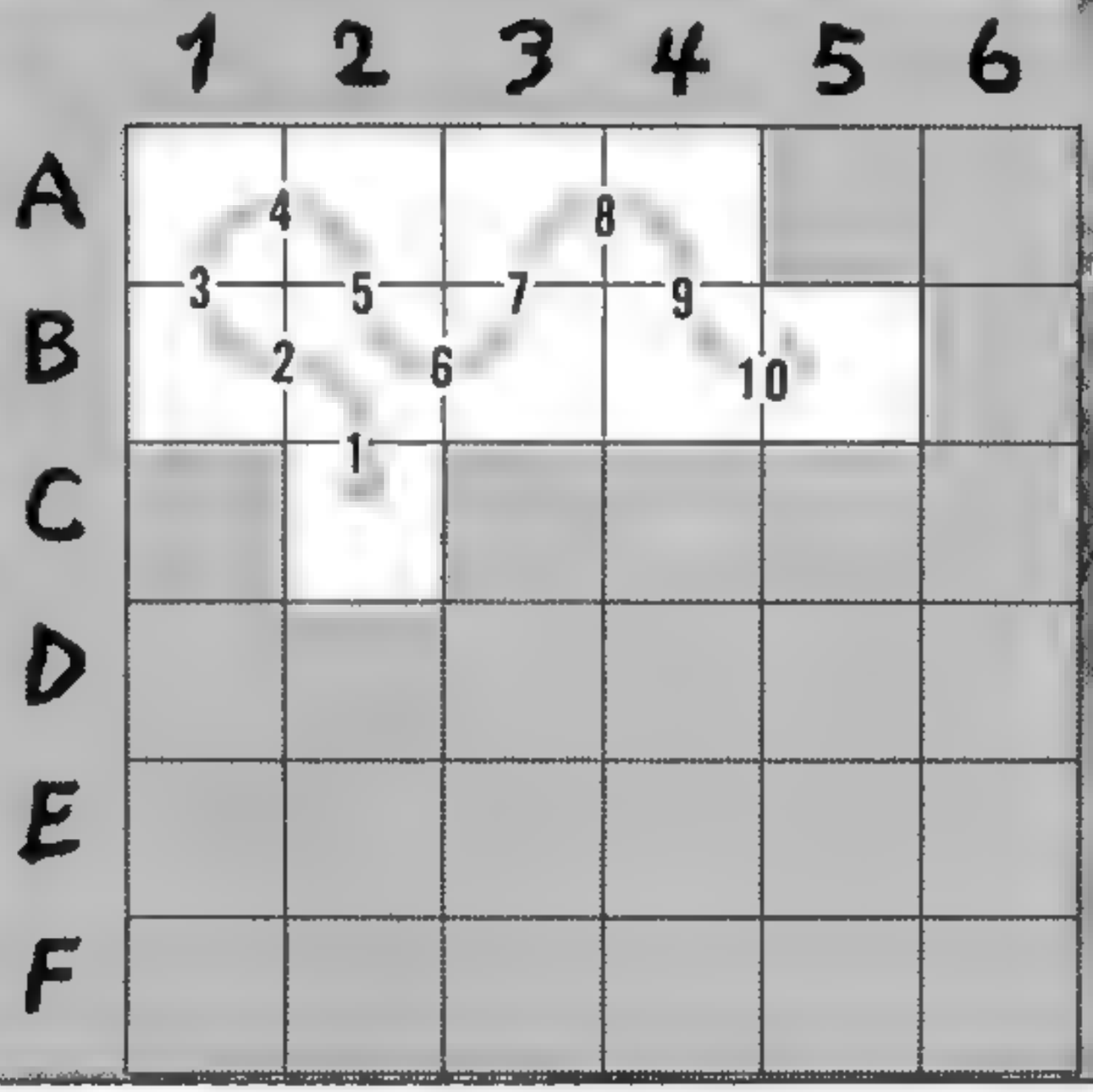
HUU

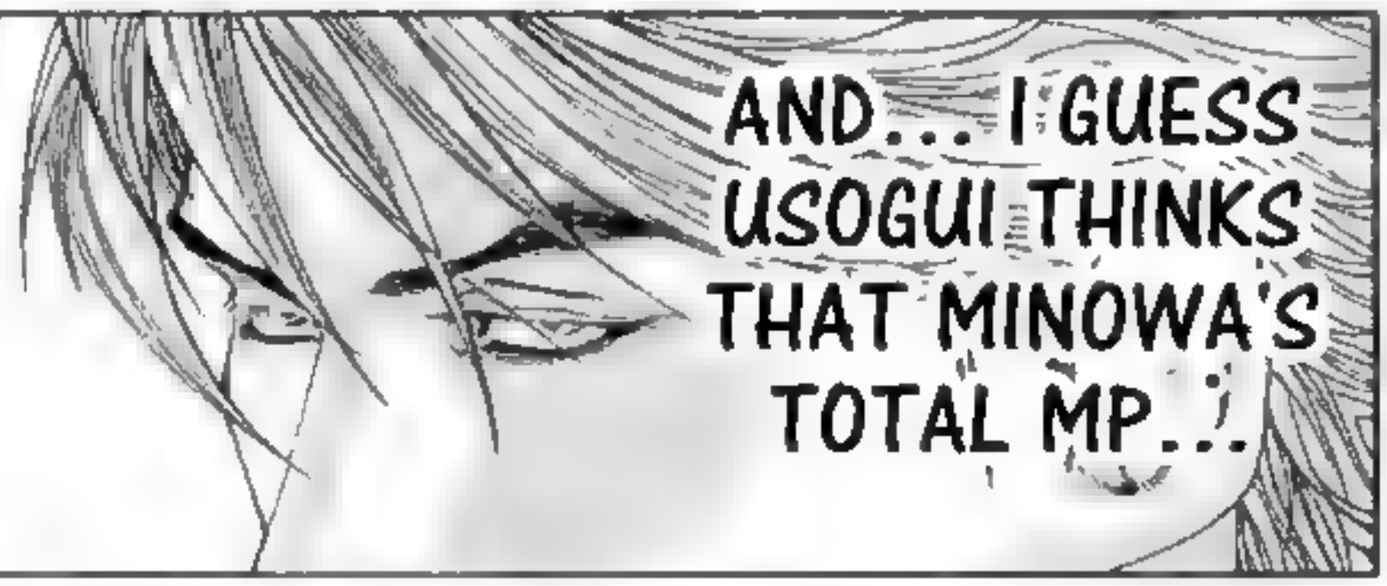
HUU

10 MP.

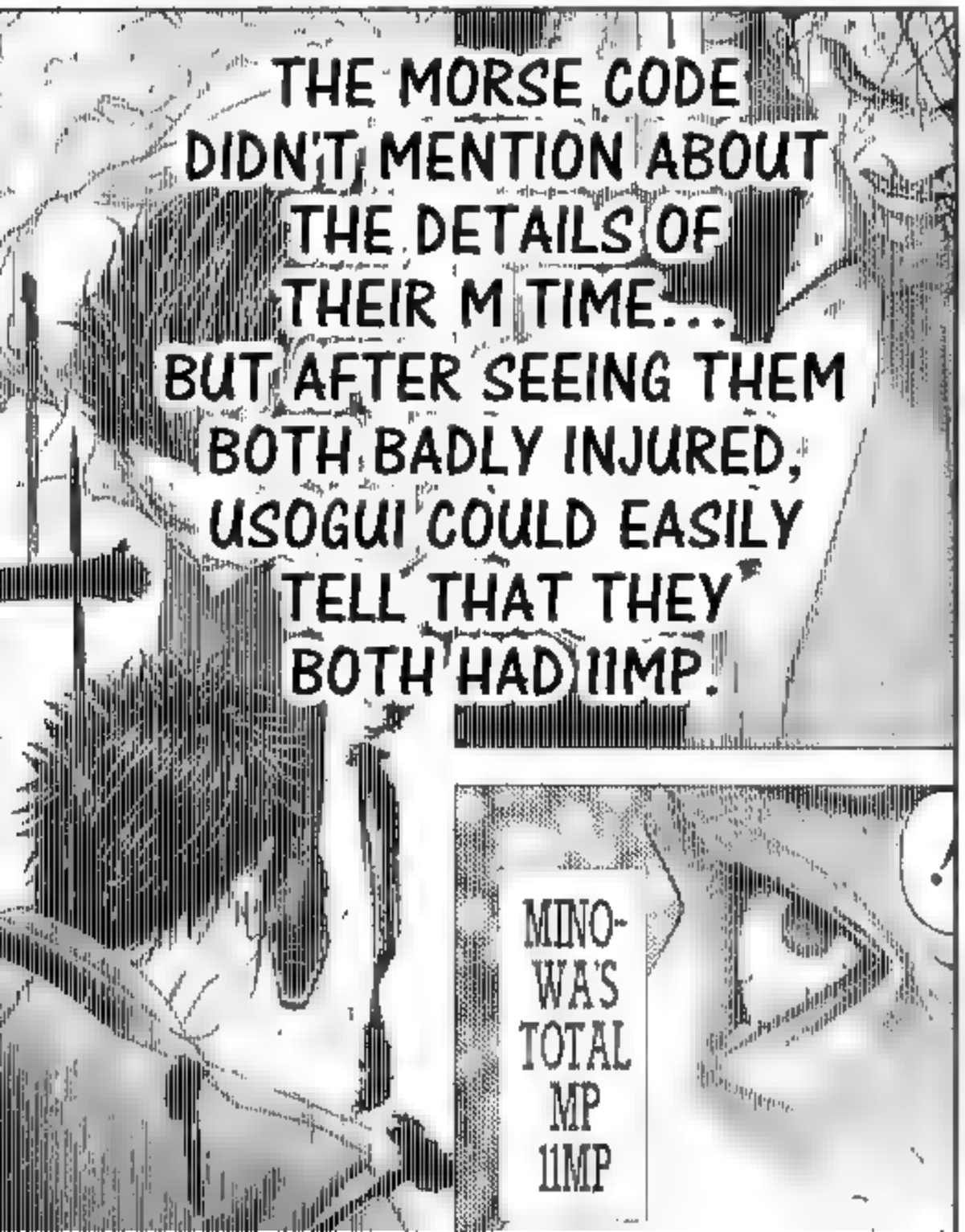


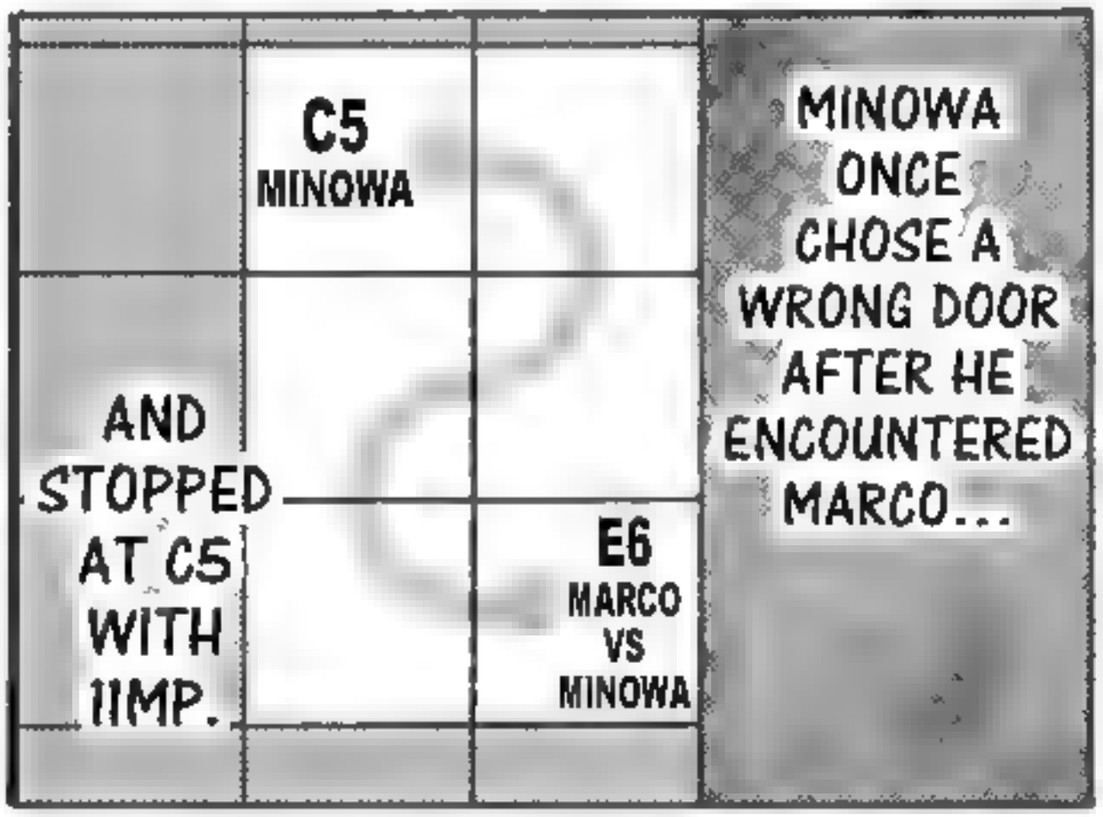
THE TOTAL MP HE HAD GAINED ON HIS ROUTE UNTIL B5 AFTER HE DUELED AMAKO, IT'S...

IS PROBABLY MORE THAN 10MP...

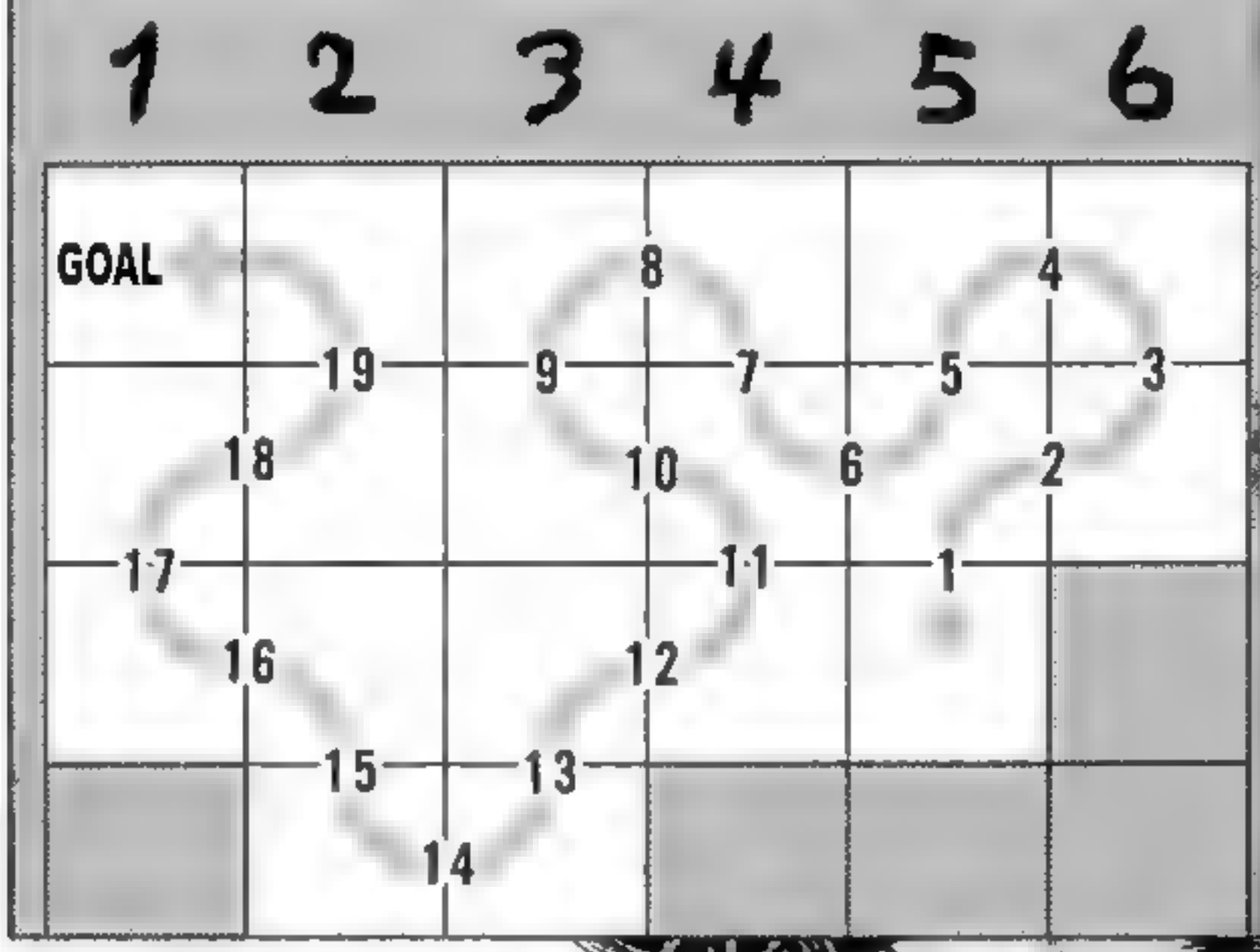


AND... I GUESS USOGUI THINKS THAT MINOWA'S TOTAL MP...


THE MORSE CODE DIDN'T MENTION ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THEIR M TIME...
BUT AFTER SEEING THEM BOTH BADLY INJURED, USOGUI COULD EASILY TELL THAT THEY BOTH HAD 11MP.
MINO-WA'S TOTAL MP 11MP



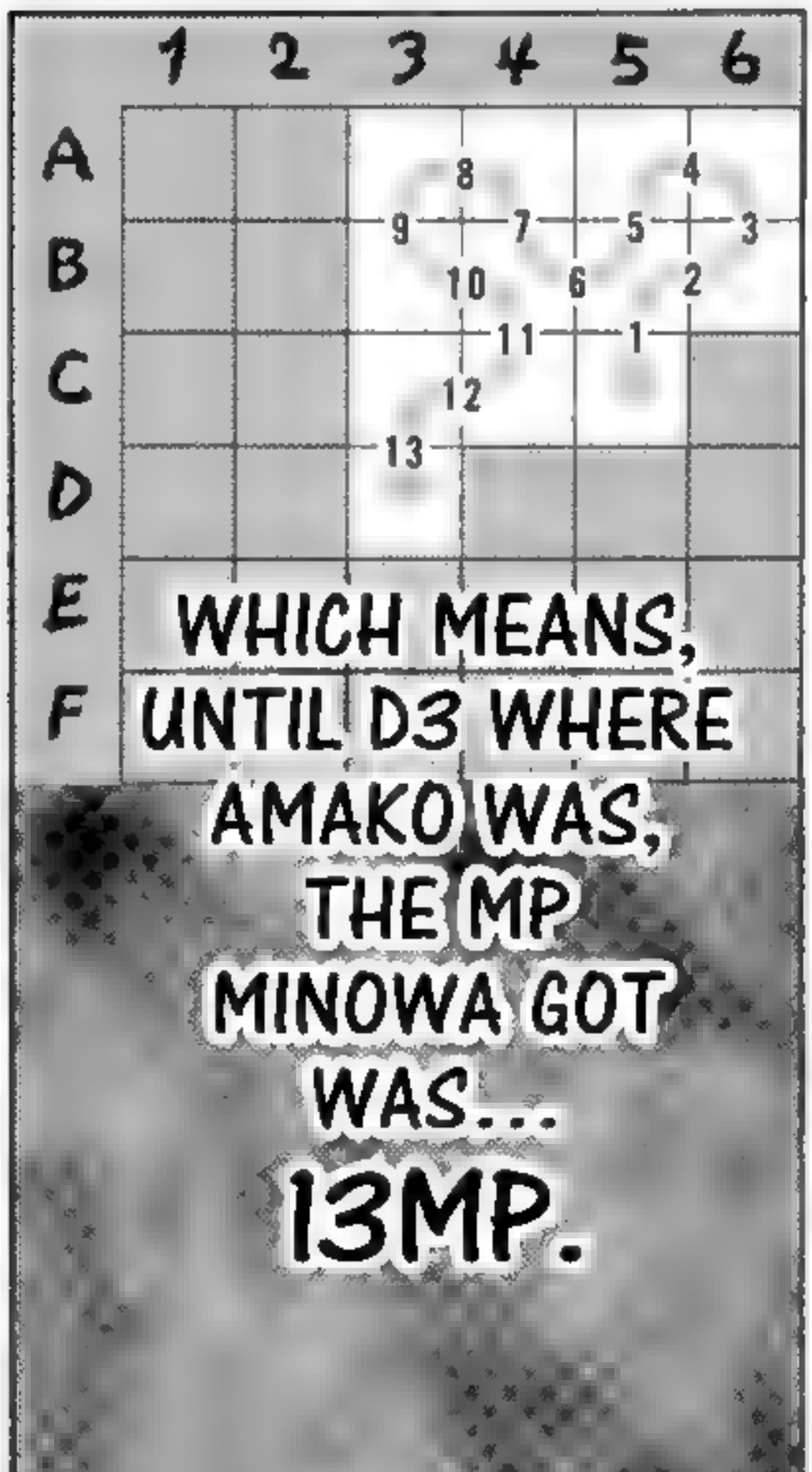
AND THEN MARCO, WHO WAS AT E6 WITH 11MP, BACKTRACKED FOR REVENGE.



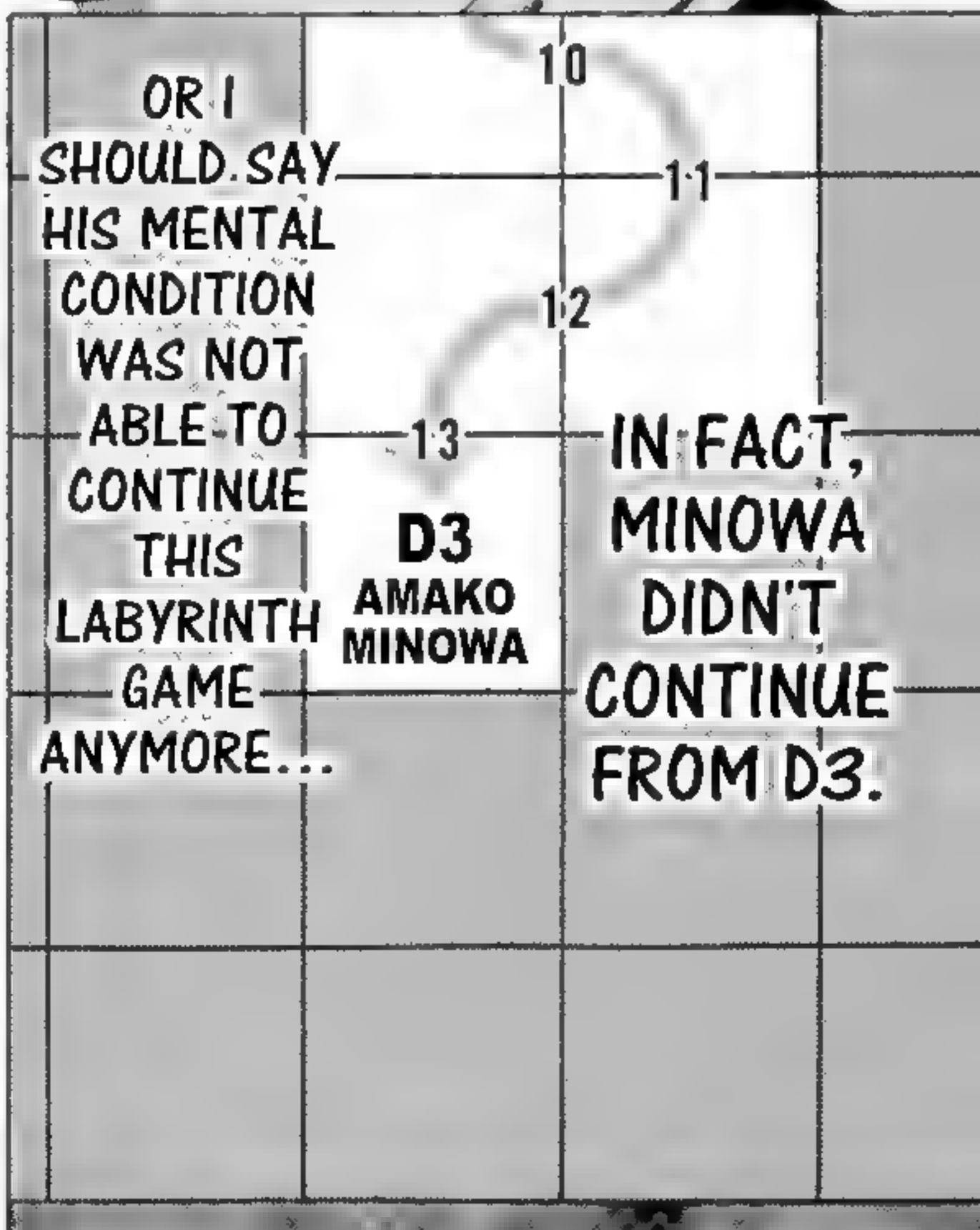
IN OTHER WORDS, THE MAXIMUM MP THAT MINOWA, WHO STARTED FROM C5 WITH 0MP, COULD GET IS 19MP.

BUT THIS IS JUST A POSSIBILITY.

TOTAL MP 19MP



WHICH MEANS, UNTIL D3 WHERE AMAKO WAS, THE MP MINOWA GOT WAS... 13MP.



OR I SHOULD SAY HIS MENTAL CONDITION WAS NOT ABLE TO CONTINUE THIS LABYRINTH GAME ANYMORE...

IN FACT, MINOWA DIDN'T CONTINUE FROM D3.

NORMALLY THINKING ...

RIGHT NOW, MINOWA'S MP IS A BLUR...

AND THEN, MINOWA USED SOME MP HERE.

THE WINNER IS MINOWA-SAMA.

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO, MINOWA?

I WOULD PROBABLY SHIT MY PANTS RIGHT NOW...

IF I WERE USOGUI,

THE CHANCE THAT IT'S MORE THAN USOGUI'S MP IS PRETTY HIGH,

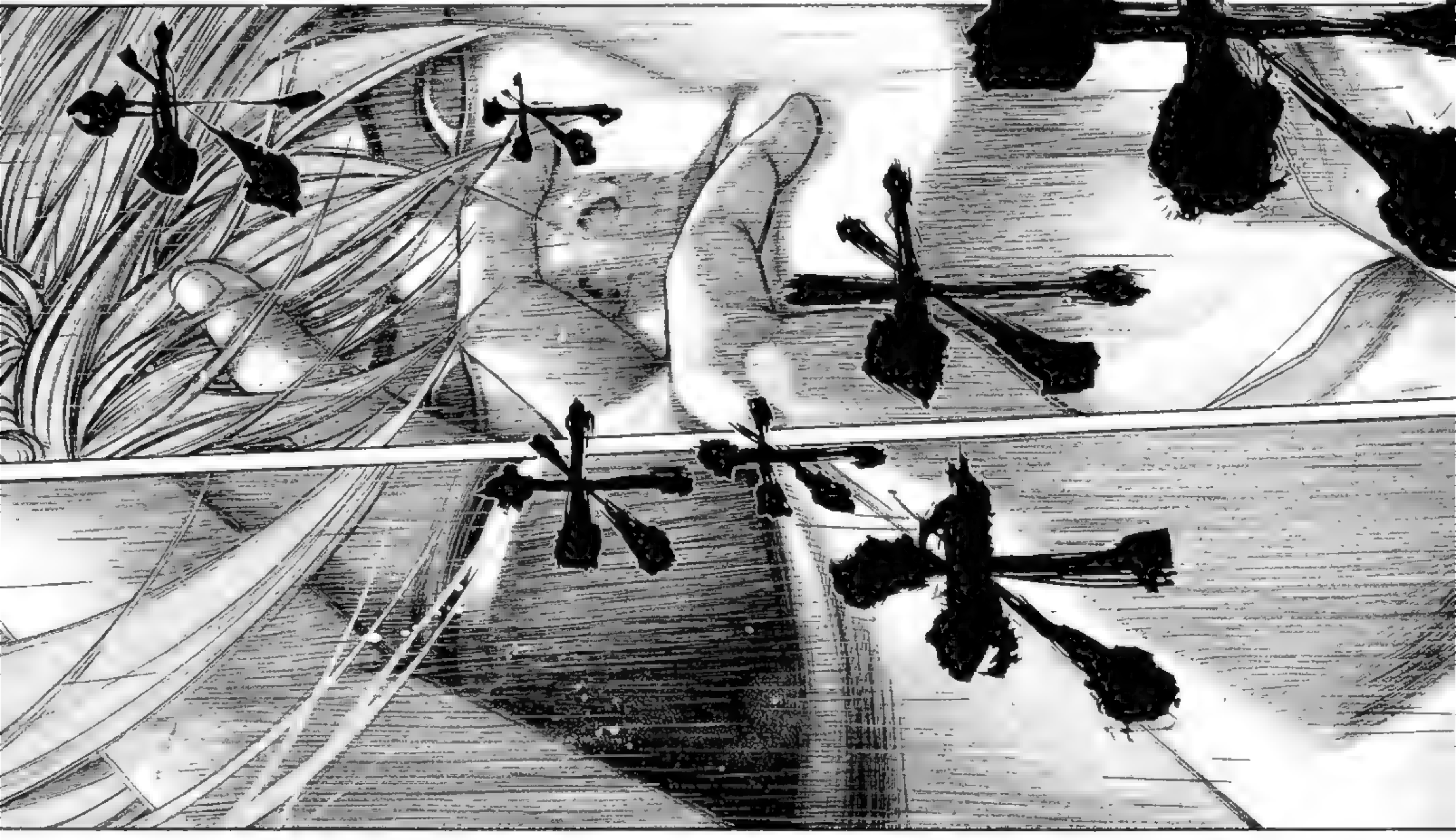
USOGUI... IN THIS PREDICTABLE AND DISADVAN-TAGEOUS SITUATION, WHAT WILL THE EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE BE...

NO MATTER HOW USOGUI TRIES TO FIND IT OUT, THE ONLY THING HE CAN DO IS,

MINOWA'S MP,

THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE.

USE ALL HIS 10MP...



PLEASE TELL US YOUR MP IN TURNS.

CHILL

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OKAY…

……THE CALCU-LATION IS DONE.

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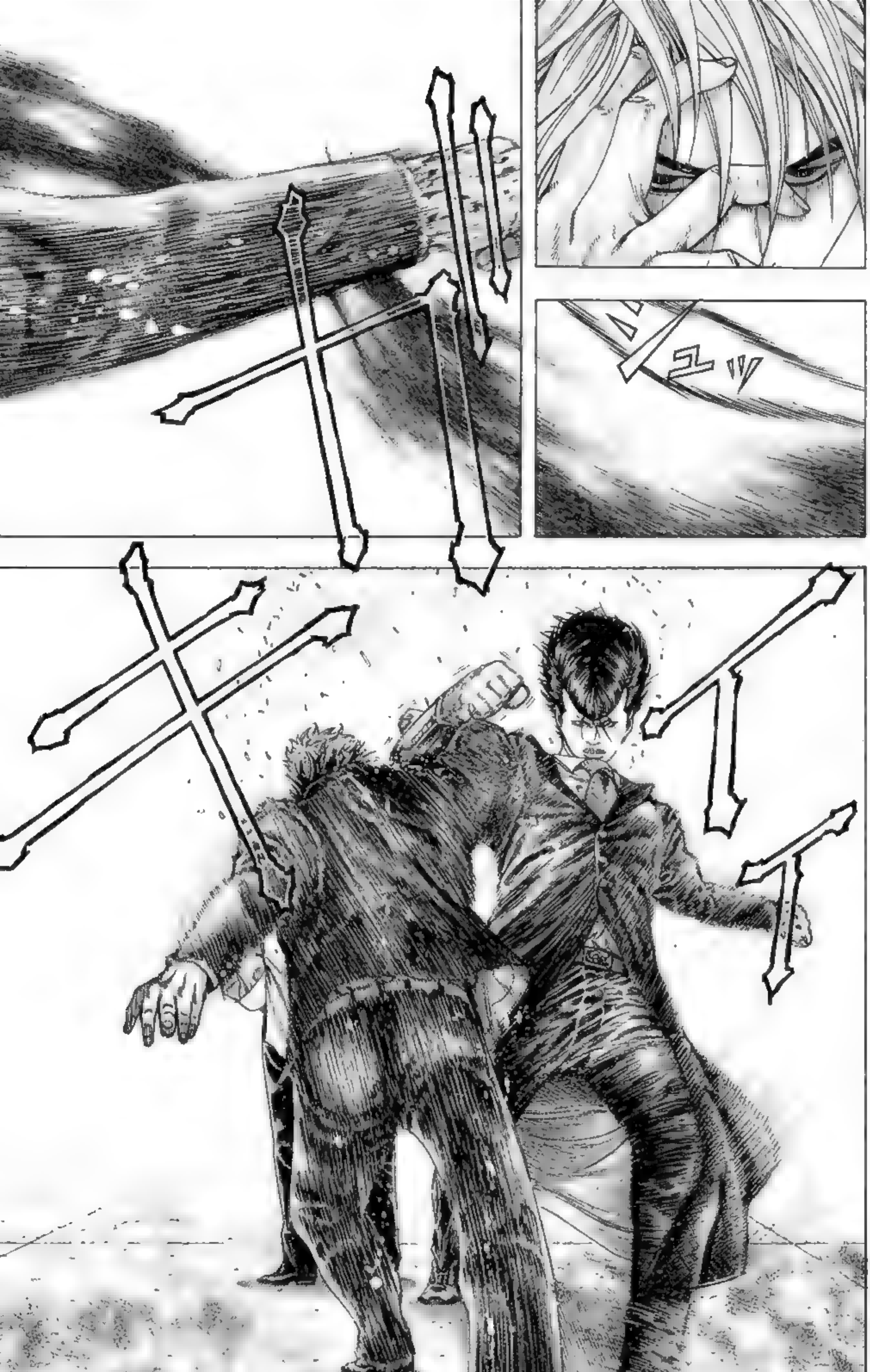
THE WINNER WHO CAN DOMINATE THE M TIME IS…

…WANT…

……

……

TO EAT!



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HE'S MORE POWERFUL... THAN ME...
HOW POWERFUL... EVEN WITH THAT BODY...

THESE TWO... ARE NOT HUMAN.

HAD ONLY 1MP LEFT...

I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED SINCE MINOWA DIDN'T KNOW THAT AMAKO...

THE WINNER IS MINOWA-SAMA.

USED 10MP.

DISTRUSTING AMAKO, MINOWA...

BUT WHILE FACING MINOWA, THE MONSTER WITH 3MP LEFT, USOGUI EXPOSED HIS TRUE NATURE.

USOGUI, SOON OR LATER, THIS MAN WILL PERISH SOMEDAY.

EVEN IN THIS SITUATION, HE STILL DIDN'T USE HIS FULL MP, HE'S INSANE.

HIS NATURE IS THAT OF A CRAZY GAMBLER.

HE WON BY 1MP AGAIN.

BAKU-SAMA WANTS TO USE ...

4MP, IS THAT CORRECT?

MINOWA-SAMA.

BUT NOT NOW.

SINCE YOU BROKE THE RULES MALI-CIOUSLY ...

I WILL HAVE TO PURGE YOU.

THERE ARE TWO MONSTERS HERE.

RIGHT NOW,

LEAVE IT TO ME.

DON'T INTER-VENE.

REFE-REE

CHAPTER 145
EXTERMINATE THE MONSTER

WANDERING IN THE LABYRINTH THAT I PROPOSED.

AND BY INEXPLICABLE FATE, THE MONSTER THAT IS...

WILL BECOME AN OFFER-ING...

MADARA ME BAKU.

A RESOUR-CEFUL GAMBLER,

MINOWA SEIICHI.

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT I WOULD HAVE TO EXTERMINATE HIM BY MYSELF...

MINOWA-SAMA, SINCE YOU BROKE THE RULES MALICIOUSLY ...

CHAPTER 145

EXTERMINATE THE MONSTER

I'LL HAVE TO PURGE YOU.

IF YOU KEEP SUCH DESTRUCTION WITHIN YOURSELVES, YOU WILL GET DEVOURED BY IT SOMEDAY, YOU MONSTERS.

!!

CRACK

CRACK

CRACK

……

CRACK

CRACK

RESERVING THAT MEANINGLESS MP JUST TO WIN BY 1MP...

COUGH

.....

A CRAZY GAMBLER.

YOU ARE USOGUI, JUST...

WOBBLE

WOBBLE

THE DAMAGE THAT MARCO DID TO HIM WAS PRETTY MUCH...

I ONLY NEED ONE MORE HIT TO FINISH HIM.

ONE MORE HIT.

THEN YOU'RE DONE FOR, MINOWA.

!!

STEP

IF YOU KEEP RUNNING TOWARDS USOGUI!..

TARGETING USOGUI WHO IS IN FRONT OF YOU, HUH?

.....

DID ...

WHAT... WHEN...

IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME... IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT SINCE USOGUI FACED AMAKO.

ONLY HIS LEFT CUFF IS ROLLED UP...

WHEN DID... THAT BEGIN?

IF HE HID THE CABLE WITH HIS CUFF AND CONNECTED IT TO SOMETHING ON HIMSELF...

HAS BEEN IN HIS LEFT EAR, AND THE INTER-COM

IF THAT RIGHT HAND COVERED SOMETHING IN HIS RIGHT EAR...

USED TO WIRETAP...

IF HE HEARD SOMETHING FROM THE CELLPHONE THAT CAN BE...

IF IT WERE COVERED UNDER THAT INSURANCE...

IF...

HAS A SEED...

IF THE INSURANCE THAT USOGUI MADE...

A DOUBLE DISGUISE.

THAT WAS COVERED BY

CRACK

CRACK

CRACK

SPLASH

YUUDAI-
KUN!!

YUUDAI-
KUN!

!!...
...YU

KADOKURA~

.....KA...

ARE YOU DOING?

WHAT

YOU WANT A

PIECE

OF

ME?

RIGHT WHEN THEY WERE ABOUT TO PRESENT THEIR MP...

WHEN USOGUI WAS DUELING AMAKO,

THE REASON WHY USOGUI DID THAT WAS...

AH~ I JUST HESITATED AGAIN, CAN I PRESENT IT AFTER HIM?

? OKAY,

THEN I'LL LET AMAKO-SAMA GO FIRST. CHANGE THE INTERCOM.

IT WAS HARD TO HEAR THEIR MP BECAUSE THEY WHISPERED IT. I'LL HAVE TO DOUBLE CHECK IT EACH TIME.

OKAY.

IT'S 10MP, RIGHT?

NO! LISTEN CARE-FULLY.

TO HEAR HIS OPPONENT'S MP CLEARLY, THAT'S WHY HE MADE THE MONITORING ROOM REPEAT THE MP AGAIN,

AND LET AMAKO PRESENT IT FIRST...

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AMAKO-SAMA USES 29MP, IS THAT CORRECT?

OF MINOWA-SAMA IS DONE... HE'S DISQUALI-FIED.

RE... REFEREE, THE PURGE...

WHEN DID THIS BEGIN? I'M THE ONE WHO WAS WANDERING IN THIS LABYRINTH...

AS I THOUGHT... THIS GUY IS...

USOGUI ...

KAKEROU HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT A TOOL FOR USOGUI TO FULFILL HIS GOAL.

IF THAT IS TRUE, THEN... NO... MAYBE FROM THE BEGINNING,

THE DEVIL
THAT
DOMESTICATES
AND SPREADS
DESTRUCTION.

CHAPTER 146

COMMAND

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NORMALLY, IN A PERSON'S DAY TO DAY LIFE...

THE THINGS THEY DO LIKE IT'S OBVIOUS...

CHAPTER 146

COMMAND

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN PEOPLE CANNOT SUDDENLY DO EVEN SUCH A SIMPLE THING.

FOR EXAMPLE, USING THEIR TONGUES TO UTTER SPEECH...

"TO BE SPEECH-LESS"...

IT WOULD GIVE BIRTH TO THIS KIND OF SILENCE.

IF ALL THE MEN PRESENT IN THAT ROOM WERE EXACTLY IN SUCH A STATE NOW...

...BUT, FROM THEIR FACIAL EXPRESSIONS, A DIFFERENT INTENTION COULD BE FELT.

PUT

BECAUSE THEY ALL KNOW

FROM THOSE IN THE SILENT MONITORING ROOM

THEY COULDN'T UTTER ANY WORDS TO THE REFEREE.

TWITCH

NOW... TO KADOKURA REFEREE

CLACK

THE... LABY... RINTH... MATCH...

WIN... NER... OF...

THE

WHAT HIS UTMOST PRIORITY IS...

IS MADARA-ME... BAKU-SAMA.

REFE-
REE

REFE-
REE

REFE-
REE

HOW
CAN
THIS
BE

REFE-
REE

REFE-
REE!!

.....

STEP

STEP

STEP

STEP

!

.....

SLAM

!

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……

!

LIFE, IT IS ESSENTIALLY JUST A SERIES OF CHEMICAL RESPONSES. AND HUMAN LIFE...

HAS NO MEANING FROM THE BEGINNING...

PEOPLE CANNOT UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF IT...

NO.16
KADOKURA

BUT...

PEOPLE CAN INFER VARIOUS MEANINGS AND QUIETLY KEEP THEM IN THEIR HEARTS.

AS ONE TITLES THE TRIALS AND ERRORS OF THEIR AUTOBIO-GRAPHY,

SLAM

IN THIS KIND OF WORLD...

THERE ARE THOSE WITH PURE, UNTAINTED SOULS THAT RELENT-LESSLY GET BEATEN DOWN LIKE NOTHING.

NEVER SUFFERING, NEVER REGRETING, AND YET THEY STILL LIVE IN PROSPERITY.

ON ONE HAND, THERE ARE THOSE WHO COMMIT EVERY KIND OF EVIL IN THIS WORLD AND NEVER RECEIVE PUNISHMENT.

2...

ARE GREAT POWERS THAT HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST THIS WORLD AND SEEK RETRIBUTION...

THERE STILL

ゴゴゴゴ

IS SUCH A THING AS KARMA... OR DESTINY...

SLAM

IF THERE...

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THEN NOW WAS NOT THE TIME FOR THAT.

OF HIS RECKONING ...

THE TIME

MAYBE THE KARMA HE BEARS IS TO LOOK DEATH IN THE EYE

AS MANY TIMES AS HIS ALTERNATE PERSONALITY HAS TAKEN LIVES.

.....

WAS AT LEAST NOT NOW.

THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT IT'S NOT TOMORROW.

THAT OF COURSE IS SOME-THING

NOBODY... KNOWS.

.....

I GUESS IT WAS THE WRONG OPPONENT ...

HMPH ...

LABYRINTH MAZE

KAKEROU REFEREE NO.16

REFEREE KADOKURA YUUDAI

YESTERDAY'S DEATHS PPL

COM SSION

CARS, THIS TOWN

OLD MAN, YOU

WINNER

"USOGUI" BAKU

MARCO

LOSER

YUKIDE KAORU UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE

AMAKO SEIICHI DEAD

MINOWA SEIICHI DEAD

PRIZE…1.1 BILLION YEN+L-FILE

ARE
A
BIG
LIAR!

13・4・5

2B

A

MAZE OF THE MINOTAUR

—EPILOGUE—

CHAPTER 147

WELCOME HOME

THIS PERSON MARCO CARRIED...

JUST NOW...

IS THE SAME AS MARCO...

AAA AAAH

WA AAH

WAA AAGH

AH

HAS SEEN THINGS SIMILAR TO THE STUFF HERE.

MARCO ALSO...

I CAN SMELL THE SAME SCENT COMING FROM THESE PICTURES.

ARE LOTS OF THINGS I DON'T WANT TO SEE

A BIG... DARK... ROOM WITH NOTHING IN IT. ALL THERE IS..

FROM THESE PICTURES I CAN SEE

A LOT OF SADNESS .....

.....

BAKU-
NIICHAN

!

PRESS

PUT

WEL-
COME...
HOME...

CO...

ME...

WEL-COME HOME

WEL-COME HOME

WEL-COME HOME

WEL-COME HOME

WEL-COME HOME

WEL-COME HOME

ME... HOME

WEL-COME HOME

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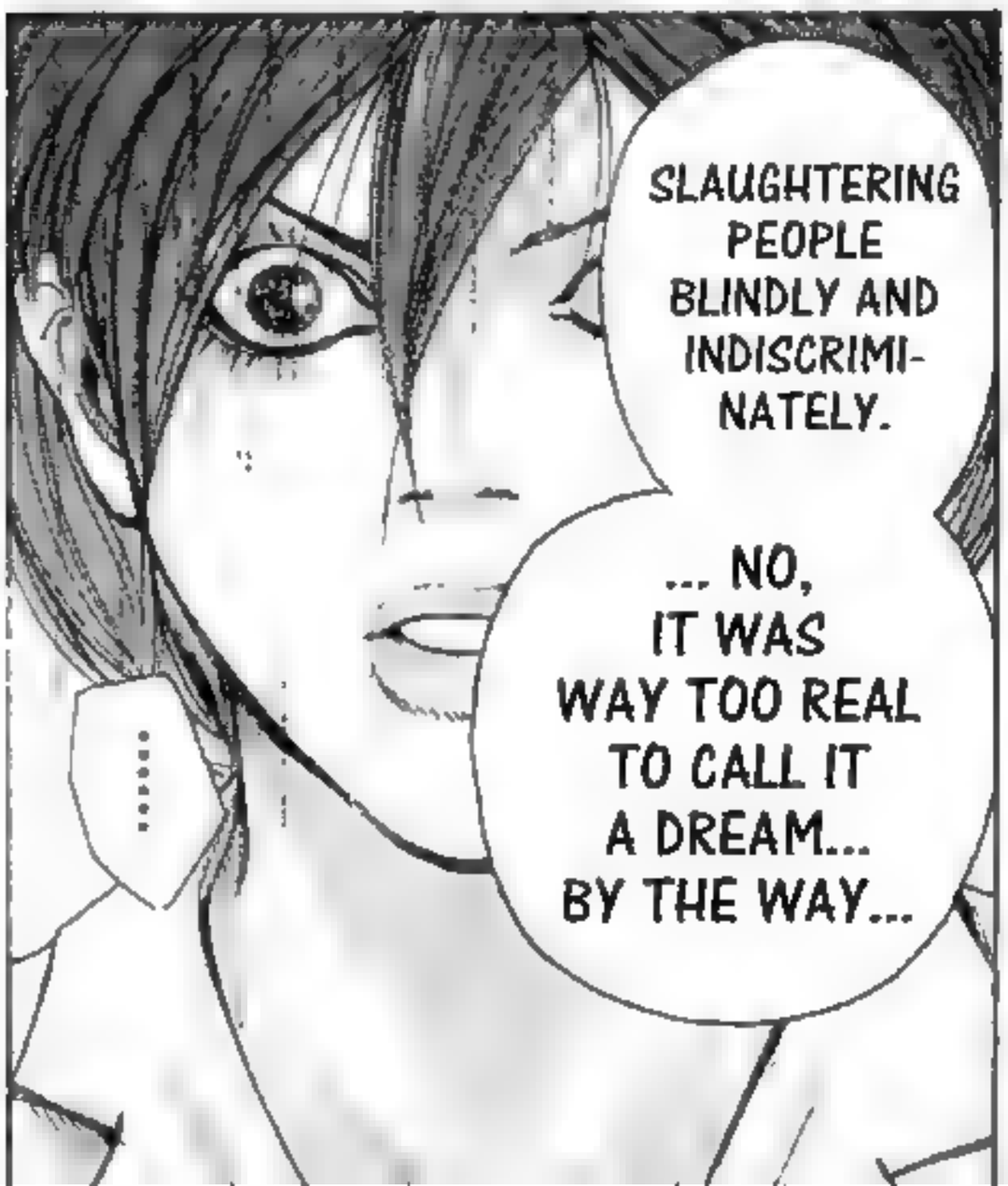
I WONDER
I JUST SAW A DREAM WHERE I DID UNFORGIVABLE THINGS LIKE...


SLAUGHTERING PEOPLE BLINDLY AND INDISCRIMI-NATELY.
... NO, IT WAS WAY TOO REAL TO CALL IT A DREAM... BY THE WAY...

WHO ARE YOU?

THIS IS... A HOSPITAL, RIGHT?

I'M SURE THERE WILL BE LOTS OF LIMITATIONS ON YOUR BODY BUT

REST ASSURED.

AFTER REHAB, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE FREELY AGAIN.

YOU DID YOUR BEST, RIGHT?

IT WASN'T A DREAM.

IT WAS REAL AFTER ALL. UNDENIABLY REAL...

I JUST REMEMBERED ...I WAS WRONG.

HUH?

REHABILI-TATION...

SUCH A THING IS UNNECES-SARY FOR ME.

...I DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO FACE THE AWFUL DEEDS I'VE COMMITTED...

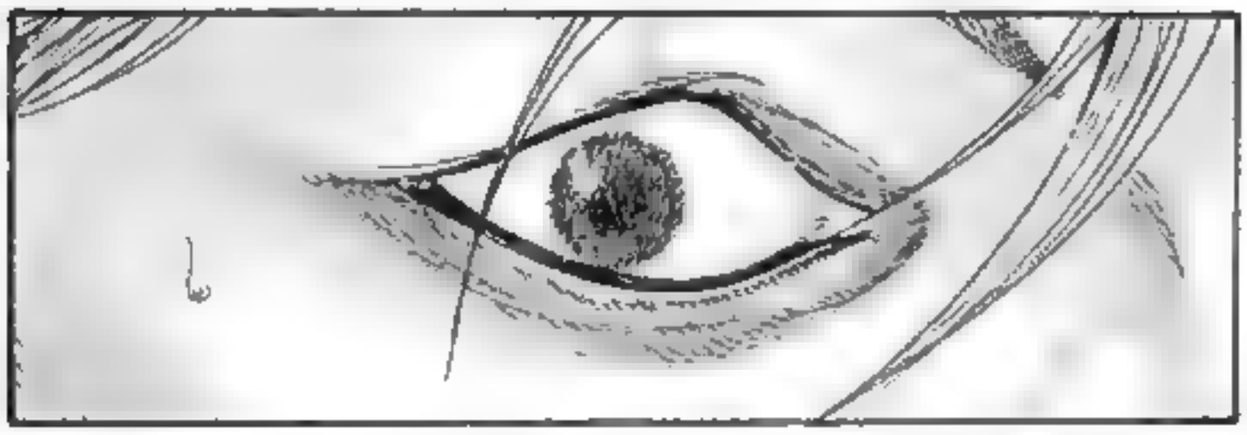
I SHOULDN'T HAVE WOKEN UP.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE... WOKEN UP.

I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO LIVE ALONE.

嘘吸い㊾。

MORE OR LESS EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING THAT THEY SHOULDER.... AND BESIDES,
.....
I ALSO STILL BEAR THE MEMORY OF CRUSHING SOME GUY'S BALLS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
YUP, EVEN THAT THERE, YOUR FRIEND SAID IT WAS A GET WELL SOON GIFT.
FRIEND? JUST NOW
YOU'RE NOT ALONE, A FRIEND COMES TO VISIT QUITE OFTEN.



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AH
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THAT?

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COME
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WEL-
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WEL-
COME
HOME

0 YEN GAMBLE

REFEREE

KAKEROU REFEREE NO.16

KADOKURA YUUDAI

WINNER "USOGUI" BAKU

"EARNINGS"- 11 BILLION+
2004/11/05'S MEMORIES

YUKIIDE KAORU LOSER

"EARNINGS"-
2001/04/09'S MEMORIES

01

WHY THE FUCK HAVE YOU BEEN SNEAKING GLANCES AT ME FOR A WHILE NOW?

HUH? OI.

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY THEN SAY IT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

.....

... WHAT?

YAKOU.

I'M SURE YOU DON'T KNOW BUT...

I'M TELLING YOU THAT THESE ARE THE FACTS.

I COULDN'T COUNT ON BOTH HANDS THE NUMBER OF REFEREES WHO'VE CONTINUED TO DRINK YOUR COFFEE OUT OF KINDNESS AND GOTTEN FUCKING ANEURYSMS.

WAS IT SUCH A SHOCK TO YOU THAT I SAID THIS COFFEE WAS SHIT?

DON'T PLAY DUMB.

I'M SURPRISED YOU CAN DRINK IT WITH A STRAIGHT FACE LIKE THAT.

KAKEROU WITH THIS FUCKING COFFEE!?

ARE YOU TRYING TO TAKE DOWN

OH?

STAND

STOP IT, STOP IT.

WHAT? WHAT? YOU WANNA GO?

PLEASE TEACH ME YOUR WAYS ON MAKING THIS KILLER COFFEE!

I SEE! NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THAT'S A GREAT PLAN!

IT'S ALRIGHT... JUST LEAVE THAT SHIT ALONE...

.....

.....

K... KAJI-KUN ...

SHOULDN'T WE STOP THAT?

.....

IF YOU DIE, WHO'S GONNA BE ABLE TO POUR

THIS ONE OF A KIND GENOCIDAL COFFEE?! GYAHAHAHA.

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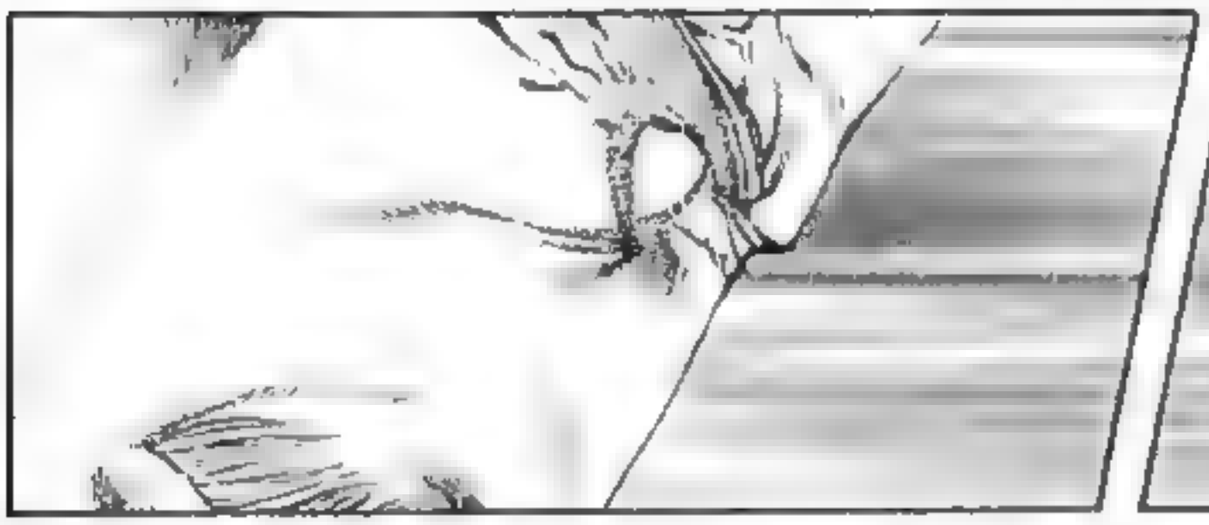
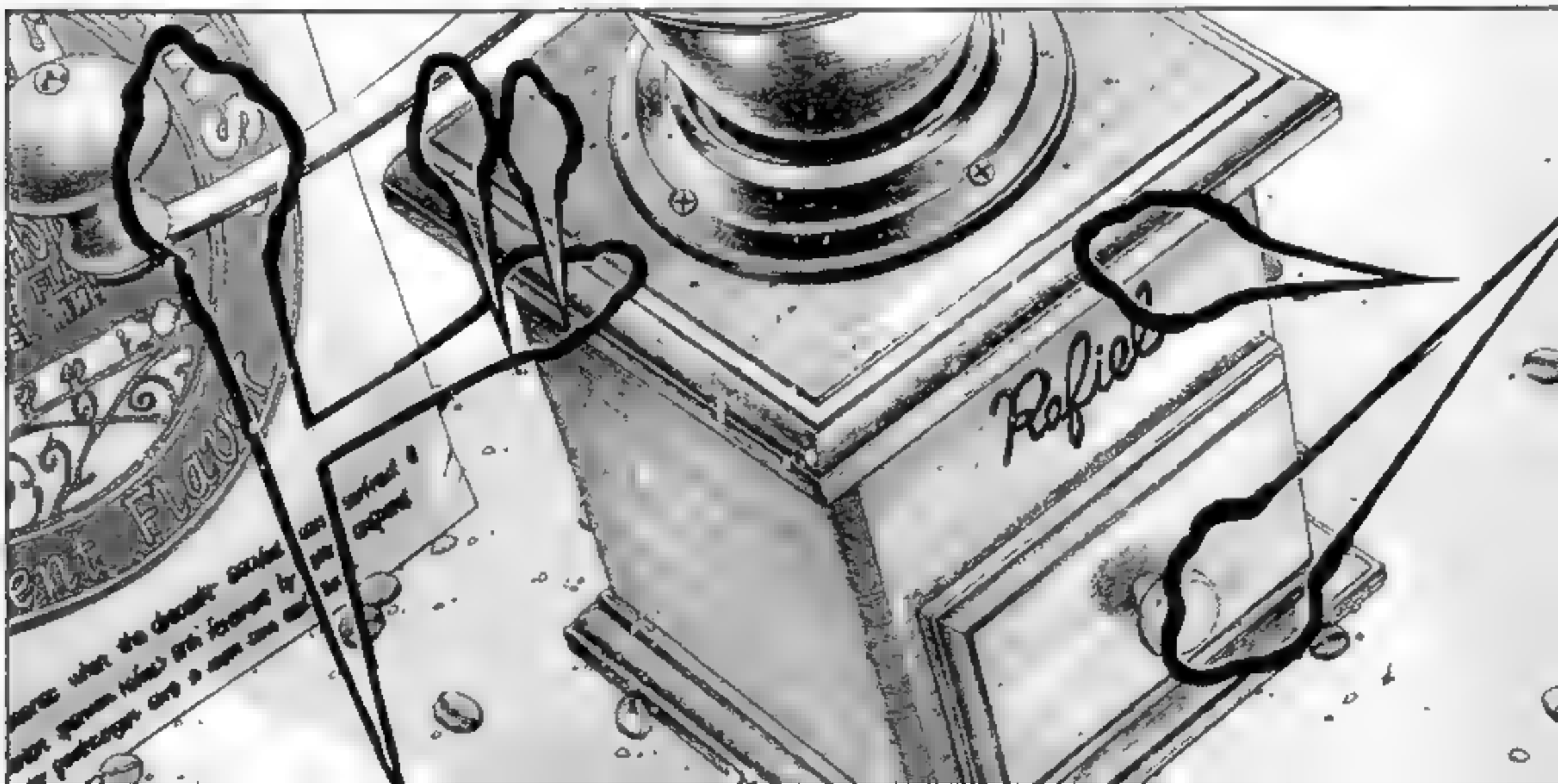
MINOTAUR OF THE MAZE
SPIN-OFF STORY
BULL'S UTERUS, START

CHAPTER 148
BOTH MEN FACE OFF

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HAND GRIND-ING

CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH

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NOW... LET ME HAVE A TASTE.

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OH...

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YAKOU'S COFFEE

NU...

!

……

KYARA'S COFFEE

HOW DO I SAY.... IT'S HARD TO JUDGE... YES...

...BOTH THESE COFFEES ARE VERY DIFFICULT TO COMPARE, AND THE TASTE...

.....

I HAVE NEVER BEEN THIS CONFU... CONFLICTED.

PHEWWW

カチャ...

.....

WHY?

HORRIBLE...

WAY TOO AWFUL.

TO THINK IT WOULD TURN OUT THIS WAY... I... HOW FRIGHTENING...

PASS

HOW CAN YOU SERVE THIS KIND OF COFFEE AND STILL BE ABLE TO LOOK AT ME WITH SUCH A PRIDEFUL COUNTENANCE?

I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND.

THIS IS THE COFFEE THAT I BREWED.

HERE.

TH... THIS IS...

!

CLEARLY BETTER THAN THE OTHER TWO'S COFFEE.

EXCEL-LENT!

NOTHING STANDS OUT... IT'S JUST... COFFEE...

IT'S COMPLETELY AVERAGE LEVEL, BUT... JUST BECAUSE IT'S TOTALLY NORMAL...

TASTE, SMELL, FLAVOR, EVERYTHING IS PLAIN.

WHAT-EVER THEY SAY.

WOULD DO AS THE WINNER SAYS, RIGHT?

UHHHM WHAT WAS IT AGAIN, SOMEONE...

AH.

HAA HAA HAA HAA

ALRIGHT I STOPPED!! I DID WHAT YOU SAID...

NOW IT'S OVER.

WHAT A GUY... HE'S LIKE A CHILD.

WAAA

ALTHOUGH THE QUESTION IS WHETHER YOU CAN SAY ANYTHING OUT OF A CRUSHED JAW.

WHATEVER THEY SAY? OH SURE, I'LL LISTEN.

STOP! PLEASE STOP!

I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED, KAJI-SAMA.

IF IT'S WITHIN MY ABILITY, THEN WHATEVER...

COFFEE MATCH? WHAT IS THAT?

.....

SO SINCE IT'S LIKE THIS, I LEAVE IT TO YOU.

NON NON.

YOU WERE ASKED BY KYARA-KUN TO PREPARE A CUP AND THAT YOU DID, BUT REALLY AT THAT TIME YOU...

PUT

NOT BAD AT ALL, I UNDERESTI-MATED YOU.

HAH HAA, MY FRIEND!!

I JUST BREWED A COFFEE LIKE NORMAL.

YOU ADDED SOMETHING TO DESTROY THE TASTE OF THE COFFEE... AM I WRONG?

.....

PUT SOMETHING ON THE SURFACE OF THE CUP, RIGHT?

I'M GONNA GO TO THE BATHROOM.

.....

NO...

I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING IN PARTICULAR TO YAKOU-SAN'S COFFEE...

IF THAT IS THE CASE, I HAVE ONE QUESTION... YOU ONLY PREPARED KYARA-KUN'S CUP, SO HOW DID YOU MEDDLE WITH YAKOU-SHI'S COFFEE?

I'M TELLING YOUUU THAT'S FUCKED UUUUP

HAAA?

THAT WAS SO YOU

GYA HAHAA

IDIOOT

GYA HAHA

HA HA

YOUR IRRITATION ISN'T BECAUSE YOU LOST THE MATCH, RIGHT?

THAT BEING SAID, IT SHOULDN'T BE BECAUSE OF THOSE ROWDY YOUNGSTERS OUT THERE EITHER.

YOU'RE EMITTING AN AURA LIKE YOU WANT TO KILL THOSE YOUNGSTERS.

WELL WELL, CALM DOWN KYARA-KUN.

THE CAUSE IS KAJI, RIGHT?

THAT BEING SAID I'D HATE FOR YOU TO TAKE IT OUT ON ME EITHER.

THEY'D FEEL BAD IF YOU TOOK IT OUT ON THEM...

AVOID
IONS
. THAT
T OK?"
S THAT
HY THEY
AN INDE-
ANT AND
TALKATIVE
EFEREE?

TRYING TO OVERCOME HIS WEAKNESS AND FACE HIMSELF,

AND TRYING TO FIND HIS OWN PATH AND TREAD IT, THAT SIGHT OF HIM.

WHAT ELSE COULD BE THE REASON? THE ONLY REASON WOULD BE BEACUSE

I...
I...

I DIDN'T DO IT...
I DIDN'T DO IT—

IN YOUR EYES, SUCH A WEAK, TRASH-LIKE PERSON SUCH AS HIM...

THEN,

AND KNOWING YOU HAVE THESE FEELINGS FRUSTRATES YOU EVEN MORE, RIGHT?

FOR A STRONG GUY LIKE YOU, MERELY BEING BESIDE SUCH A PUNY EXISTENCE

CAN FILL YOU WITH INDESCRIBABLE ANGER.

.....

...IT'S ALRIGHT.

KAJI-SAMA, YOU COULD NOT BE...

PLEASE DON'T DO ANYTHING MALICIOUS.

KARL-SAN.

THANK YOU, YAKOU-SAN.

AS YOU KNOW, I HAD MY ALIBI TAKEN FROM THE ZERO YEN GAMBLE, SO THERE IS A CHANCE I'LL BE A MURDER SUSPECT.

BUT I WANT TO SETTLE THIS WITHOUT RELYING ON THAT.

AS KYARA-SAN SAID, BAKU-SAN MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

AND I HAD YAKOU-SAN RESEARCH EVEN FURTHER INFORMATION. I...

ON THAT CELL IS INFORMATION ABOUT THE REAL CRIMINAL FROM BAKU-SAN.

WILL SOLVE THIS ISSUE.

AND BECOME SOMEONE WHO CAN STAND SIDE BY SIDE WITH BAKU-SAN.

KARL-SAN, I'M SURE YOU'RE TIRED OF THE REFUGEE LIFE.

I THINK IF YOU COME WITH ME, YOU CAN SEE SOMETHING INTERESTING.

.....

KNOWING THAT KYARA-KUN WILL PROBABLY GET INVOLVED IF I'M IN THIS... HE'S NOT JUST DUMB OR HONEST. ALTHOUGH HE'S CLUMSY ON THE SURFACE, HE'S NOT ONE TO BE MESSED WITH...

EXCELLENT.

.....

TCH

HE'S THE FACE OF THE GOVERNING AGENCIES AND THE FINANCE AGENCIES WITH TIES TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS.
THE TRUE CULPRIT OF THE OKUTAMA ABANDONED HOUSE GROTESQUE MURDER INCIDENT.
I'M GONNA FRAME HIM.
PRESIDENT OF THE MAJOR FINANCE CORPORATION "HAYAMARUNA LOAN"
*"HAYAMARUNA LOAN" MEANS "DON'T FRET LOANS"
HAYAMA NORIAKI

I'LL DROP YOU... INTO HELL

KAJI-KUN...

STEP

WHAT IN THE WORLD... ARE YOU...

.....

ALRIGHT, ...LET'S GO.

DON'T THINK

YOU CAN KEEP RESTING EASILY ON YOUR SOFT BED.

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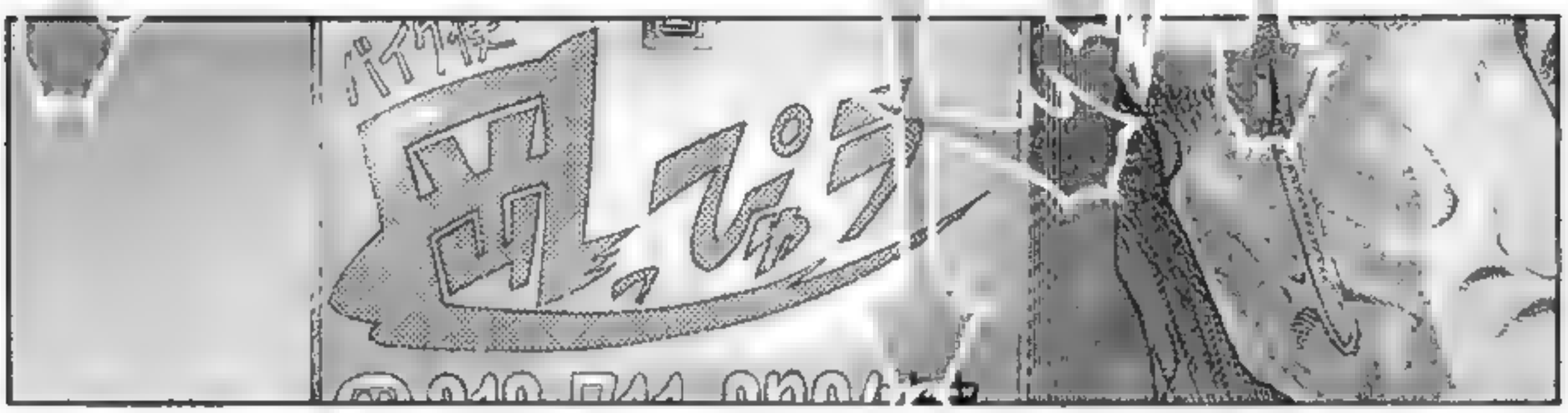
A WELL-PLOTTED REVENGE



WHEN I WENT TO THE ABANDONED BUILDING JUST NOW, I CALLED A DELIVERY.

HERE'S THE DELIVERY FROM HANAO-SAN.
WHAT'S THAT?
KAJI-KUN.

.....IT'S EXPRESS DELIVERY.

THIS MANSION... IS TOO MASSIVE TO BE CLEANED ONLY BY THE FAMILY THEMSELVES.

THAT MEANS THEY HAVE SOME PEOPLE LIKE CLEANERS OR SOMETHING.

YOU CAN EASILY TELL THAT THE TARGET IS RICH.

ALTHOUGH THIS ACTION WON'T DO MUCH, I STILL WANT TO GET AS MUCH INFORMATION ABOUT THIS HOUSE AS POSSIBLE.

IN THAT CASE, THEY PROBABLY WOULD LEAVE THE HOUSEWORK TO A CLEANING COMPANY, WHICH MEANS THERE WILL ONLY BE THE FAMILY IN THE HOUSE RIGHT NOW.

IN MY IMPRESSION, MOST RICH PEOPLE DON'T TRUST OTHERS.

I WANT TO KNOW WHETHER THERE ARE DOMESTIC SERVANTS. DO THEY LIVE THERE? ARE THEY HOME NOW OR NOT?

THROUGH THIS EXPRESS DELIVERY, MAYBE I CAN KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN THIS HOUSE RIGHT NOW...

THE PERFECT SITUATION IS THAT I CAN TALK TO THE TARGET ONE ON ONE.

THE PERSON WHO PICKED UP THE PHONE,

BUT WHEN I PRETENDED THAT I GOT THE WRONG NUMBER BEFORE...

THE WAY HE TALKED AND HIS VOICE SOUNDED LIKE A YOUNG MAN... MAYBE THAT'S THE SON.

THE FAMILY HAS A FATHER AND A SON.

THE SON IS 21. I THOUGHT THEY PROBABLY DIDN'T LIVE TOGETHER,

LET'S CHANGE OUR POSITION. I WANT TO SEE WHO'LL SIGN THIS DELIVERY.

STEP

LOOKS LIKE THE SECURITY IS NOT THAT STRICT...

!!

STEP

STEP

SEEMS LIKE HE PASSED THROUGH THE GATE.

TO ARRANGE LOTS OF GUARDS IN THEIR OWN HOUSE... IT'S ONLY NATURAL FOR MAFIA,

BUT FOR AN AVERAGE PERSON LIKE ME, EVEN IF I'M A BILLIONAIRE, IT'S STILL AN IMPRACTICAL WAY TO LIVE AS OTHERS ARE ALWAYS SURROUNDING ME.

THEN WE'LL HAVE TO REMAKE A PLAN, BUT...

THE WORST POSSIBLE SCENARIO WILL BE THAT THERE ARE GUARDS AT HOME 24/7.

MAYBE THERE ARE LOTS OF RETIRED POLICEMEN GUARDING THE HOUSE.

I HAVE HEARD THAT MANY BIG FINANCE COMPANIES WILL EMPLOY SOMEONE LIKE A FORMER SUPERINTENDENT GENERAL AS THEIR CONSULTANT.

PLEASE DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT, KARL-SAN.

HAHA, KAJI-KUN... YOU CAN'T BE SURE OF THAT.

HAYAMA HASN'T REACHED THE AGE THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF, IN MY ESTIMATION, I THINK THERE SHOULD ONLY BE A FEW MAIDS IN THERE.

THEIR JOBS COULD ONLY BE COMMUTING SERVICE.

IF HIS LIFE IS ALWAYS BEING THREATENED THEN THAT WILL BE REASONABLE. BUT ON THE SURFACE, HE'S JUST A COMMON PERSON THAT RUNS A NORMAL COMPANY. AND SECURITY SYSTEMS SHOULD BE MUCH MORE IMPREGNABLE NOWADAYS... EVEN IF HE HAS GUARDS,

LET'S SEE HOW MUCH EFFECT THIS ACTION WILL HAVE...

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AH, SOMEONE CAME OUT.

...HE'S ABOUT 20.

FROM HIS MOVES AND DRESS, I DON'T THINK HE'S SOMEONE LIKE A GUARD.

A MAN.

THE MURDERER'S SON..., THE PERSON THAT PICKED UP THE PHONE. MAYBE THERE ARE ONLY FAMILY MEMBERS AT HOME.

.....

HE IS PROBABLY ...

THERE STILL CAN BE LOTS OF PEOPLE IN THERE.

EVEN IF HE REALLY IS THE SON...

KAJI-KUN... IS THIS FINE?

WHAT YOU SAID ARE ALL PRESUMPTIONS.

I AM STILL ABLE TO HANDLE A SITUATION LIKE THAT... I ALSO GOT AN INDEMNITY IN CASE THERE IS AN ACCIDENT.

EVEN IF I CAN'T REMOVE THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS GIRLFRIEND'S OR FRIENDS' VISITING,

ALTHOUGH THESE ARE ALL PRE-SUMPTIONS INDEED,

IN MY OPINION, THEY ARE VERY CLOSE TO THE FACT.

IN OTHER WORDS... I WANT TO...

.....

CUT OFF OUR RELATION-SHIP.

LIFE NEEDS TO GO ON YOU KNOW... BUT MY PATIENCE HAS REACHED THE LIMIT.

.....
ACTUALLY I HAVE WANTED TO DO THIS FOR A LONG TIME.

FU~

SORRY~

.....

CONTINUING A RELATIONSHIP WITH A CRAZY MURDERER WILL VIOLATE MY DIGNITY!!

BUT FOR OURSELVES. I'M NOT GOING TO DEFEND MYSELF BY USING SOME GLORIFIED EXCUSES.

FU~

OF COURSE, WE'LL KILL SOMEONE IF NECESSARY.

NOT FOR ANYONE ELSE...

THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG, AND I'M NOT GOING TO SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

FU

MURDER FOR ENTERTAINMENT OR MURDER DUE TO BEING ATTACKED, ARE ALL FOR OURSELVES.

NOT TO CROSS THE LINE.

IT'S WEIRD FOR ME TO SAY THIS... THIS IS JUST A DISGUSTING SOPHISTRY OF A GANGSTER,

BUT,

BUT HOW YOU STOP YOURSELF IN TIME .....

IS...

DON'T DO THAT

TO THE INNOCENT, WOMEN, CHILDREN, AND THE WEAK ONES.

EVEN WHEN WE GREW UP WITH A DISGUSTING PERSONALITY, WE STILL CURB OURSELVES DESPERATELY!!!

IT'S A FORBIDDEN LINE.

WE STILL WANT TO LIVE LIKE A HUMAN.

EVEN AN ANIMAL LIVES A MORE NORMAL LIFE THAN US,

EVEN A GANGSTER STILL WANTS TO RETAIN A HUMANITY... ALTHOUGH IT SOUNDS PATHETIC,

WITHOUT A RESTRAINT, WHAT WILL WE BECOME?

WHAT WE DO ARE ALL THE SAME IN THE END... BUT

OF COURSE, WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS IS JUST A ABSURD EXCUSE THAT CAN'T CONVINCE ANYONE. A LIFE IS A LIFE, WHETHER IT'S MAN OR WOMAN, OLD OR YOUNG...

BETWEEN HUMAN AND BEAST.

IT'S DIFFERENT FOR ME. IT'S A LINE THAT CAN DISTINGUISH THE DIFFERENCE...

I'M GOING FOR IT, KARL-SAN.

?

KAJI-KUN... YOU...

.....

ALRIGHT, PLEASE TAKE THIS... KARL-SAN.

CARRY OUT THE PLAN.

I'M DETER-MINED TO

AND THE SENDER'S NAME I USED WAS THE NAME OF THE VICTIM.

THE MURDERER AND THE VICTIM DO NOT HAVE ANY SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP... SO THE MURDERER SHOULD BE STARTLED UPON SEEING IT.

ACTUALLY, WHAT I DELIVERED ARE THE NEWS CLIPPINGS OF THAT MURDER CASE,

IF SOMEONE LIKE THIS APPEARS..... WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN, KARL-SAN?

AT THIS MOMENT, A MYSTERIOUS MAN WHO KNOWS THIS MURDER CASE AND ITS CONNECTION TO THE POLICE COMES OUT.

HE'LL CALL "THAT POLICE"... LISTEN, IF YOU GOT CAUGHT NOW, IT'D CAUSE ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE.

OR...

YOU'LL GET KICKED OUT... OR GET A RUNAROUND,

I THINK ...

OF COURSE I WILL DO MY BEST TO MAKE THINGS GO LIKE THAT.

THE MURDERER WON'T LET ME GO EASILY, RIGHT?

THAT'S A BIG POSSI-BILITY... BUT,

I'M GONNA MAKE A BET.

THE INFORMATION I SENT IS ONLY KNOWN BY THE MURDERER AND A FEW POLICEMEN... IT'S THE FLOW OF THE MONEY AND THE DETAILS.

I'M THE PERSON THAT KNOWS THIS SECRET...

I WANT TO SOLVE THIS BEFORE BAKU-SAN COMES BACK.

EVEN IF I TOOK TIME PLOTTING, WHAT I CAN DO STILL WON'T CHANGE MUCH.

FROM THE BEGINNING, I KNEW THAT I WOULD HAVE TO ACT RECKLESSLY.

I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT WHAT HE'S TRYING TO DO...

HIS PLAN IS NOT A BIG DEAL AT ALL. IS HE REALLY STUPID OR IS IT JUST MY IMPRESSION...

KAJI-KUN, THE EXPEC-TATION YOU SEE...

I WILL RETREAT IF THERE'S ANY DANGER... BUT,

IF I AM ABLE TO SET UP A GAMBLE MATCH...

CAN WIN.

THEN I

IT IS ONLY BY WALKING ON A PATH LIKE THAT, ONE MAY THEN CALL IT A GAMBLE.

HOWEVER,

……

ALTHOUGH I JUST...

KEPT REFUTING HIM,

WHAT KAJI-KUN SAID IS STILL LOGICAL...

AND IS FULL OF TRAPS?

ARE YOU GOING TO STEP ONTO THE PATH WHERE THE LIGHT SEEMS TO BE HUNDREDS OF LIGHT-YEARS AWAY...

IS THAT LIGHT EVEN BE REACHABLE?

OR THE PATH WITH A LOOMING LIGHT THAT CAN VANISH AT ANY SECOND...

AND THE MAN WHO TALKED TO THE DELIVERY MAN... IS HE THE SON!?

...THIS VOICE IS THE MAN WHO PICKED UP THE PHONE...

.....

WHO?

.....

I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL HAYAMA NORIAKI-SAMA, IT'S ABOUT THE SYSTEM HE USED. CAN YOU DELIVER THIS MESSAGE FOR ME?

SORRY FOR DISTURBING YOU THIS LATE.

MY NAME IS KAJI SENT BY MPD'S AMAKO.

THIS IDENTITY CAN BE USED UNTIL I SET UP THE GAMBLE MATCH,

RIGHT NOW, IT DEPENDS ON HIS ATTITUDE ...

I HAVE TO FOCUS ON CHOOSING MY MOVES.

.....

TH... THE SHOW WILL BE ON NOW.

YES!

...

WAIT A SECOND... I WILL...

!!

OPEN THE DOOR.

CLACK

NICE TO MEET YOU... SIR.

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THE QUALIFICATION OF THE FIGHT

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SOMEONE...
SHOWED UP.

...AH,
SO
THIS IS IT.
I SEE.....

HE'S
DANGEROUS
FOR SURE.

I...

KAJI!!

GOT
TOO

COCKY.

ARE YOU A COP? WHAT DO YOU WANT

OI, KAJI!! YOU SAID YOU ARE A COP? SERIOUSLY?

FROM MY DAD.

?

HE'S THE GUY WHO TALKED TO THE DELIVERY MAN.

HAYAMA IKUTO.

SO HE'S HAYAMA'S SON... I REMEMBER HIS NAME IS...

DAD ...?

WE CAN'T TALK HERE.

COME WITH ME.

SHOULD I MAKE AN EXCUSE AND RETREAT? .....

SO WHAT NOW?

...BUT WHO'S THIS GUY...

...HE'S THE AGGRESSIVE TYPE FOR SURE.

WHY THE HELL...

WOULD YOU...

WHAT SHOULD I DO... THE SON IS A CLASSIC DUMB RICH KID, BUT THE OTHER ONE...

MUMBLE

MUMBLE

MUMBLE

ON SOME ONE ELSE'S TURF

ASS-HOLE.

ACT TOUGH ...

IT'S NO USE TO FLINCH NOW.

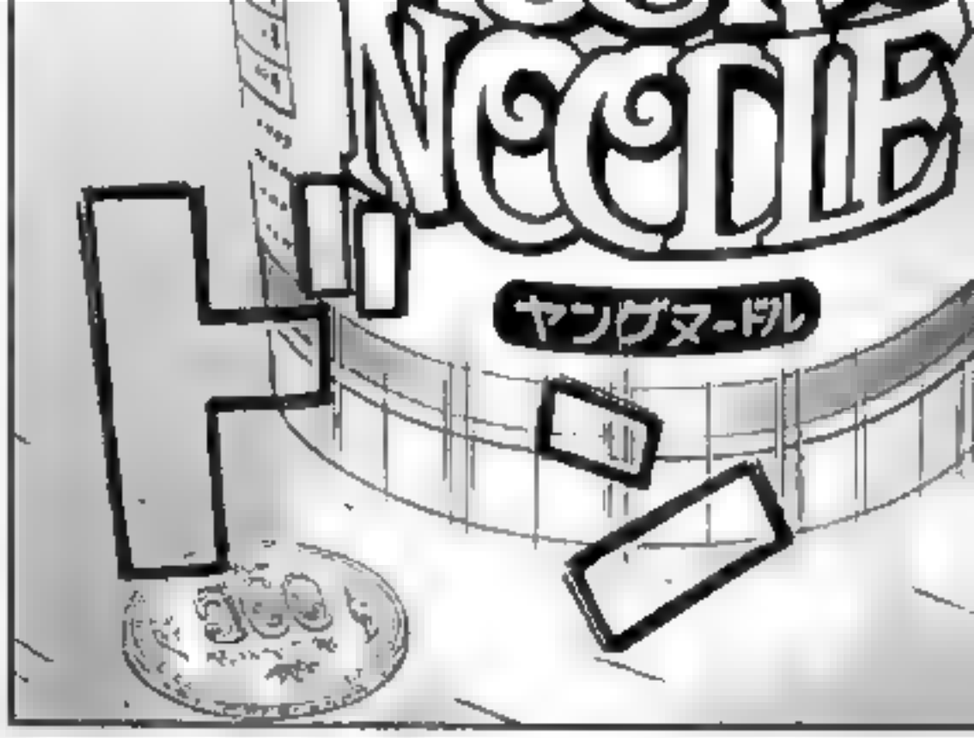
I KNEW THIS WOULD BE DANGEROUS.

THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.

VISITING US ONE AFTER ANOTHER ...

AT THIS LATE HOUR...

I WILL EAT MY MIDNIGHT SNACK AFTER 3 MINUTES.
KITCHEN TIMER
03:00
3 MINUTES.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BEEP
KITCHEN TIMER
BEEP

IN 3 MINUTES.
SAY WHAT YOU WANT
I GIVE YOU 3 MINUTES... KAJI.
AND THEN LEAVE.

嘘嘘いね。

I SAID THAT BEFORE,

HE'S NOT HOME.

.....

WHERE'S YOUR FATHER?

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE POLICE SYSTEM YOU SAID?

SAY IT QUICKLY.

DON'T TALK ABOUT USELESS THINGS.

I WILL DELIVER YOUR MESSAGE.

AND THAT VISITOR IS MEETING YOUR FATHER NOW, RIGHT?

.....

DOES THAT MEAN SOMEONE CAME BEFORE ME?

"VISITING US ONE AFTER ANOTHER"... YOU SAID.

THAT'S WHAT I THINK...

IN OTHER WORDS, YOUR FATHER IS HOME...

IS THE GUY AT THE ENTRANCE THE PREVIOUS VISITOR'S GUARD?...

WHERE'S THAT VISITOR THEN?

.....

SPIT IT OUT, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE POLICE THING.

KAJI,

HE'S JUST OUR BODYGUARD.

.....

THIS KID...

DIDN'T GET SEARCHED.

I...

IF HE REALLY IS,

A BODYGUARD? THAT GUY IS A BODYGUARD?

SO,

THEN SOMEONE LIKE ME KNOCKING ON THE DOOR THIS LATE, EVEN IF I CLAIMED I'M WITH THE POLICE, HE STILL SHOULD'VE SEARCHED MY BODY, RIGHT?

WE CAN'T CONTINUE OUR RELATIONSHIP ANYMORE.

I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO SOME WEIRD TROUBLE, AND YOUR FUTURE IS PREDICTABLE.

THIS IS IT.

AND,

YOUR SON.

!

OH... YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT?

AFTER ALL, THOSE WHO CANNOT DOMINATE WILL ALWAYS BE USED.

POLITI-CIANS,

POLICE,

HENCHMEN WHO TAKE CARE OF DIRTY BUSINESSES ...

BUREAU-CRATS,

THE ONE INVOLVED IN THIS CORRUP-TION.

IS YOUR SON,

BY USING YOUR NAME.

THE CRIME COVER-UP SYSTEM THAT IS LED BY MPD'S AMAKO, THAT SCAPEGOAT SYSTEM.

YOUNG GODDESS

ヤングスゴドル

THIS 500YEN COIN ON THE TABLE...

FINE, FORGET THAT BODYGUARD.

IT WILL NEVER END...

..... BY THE WAY, CAN YOU TELL ME?

NO... I'M JUST CURIOUS.

CLANG

HA? WHAT... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

PUT HERE?

WHY WAS IT...

SO IT'S YOU.

YOU ARE...

THE MURDERER.

2004/11/05 THE OKUTAMA ABANDONED HOUSE GROTESQUE MURDERER INCIDENT, YOU ARE THE ONE WHO DID THAT, RIGHT?

!

AS I THOUGHT, HE DIDN'T GIVE THE PACKAGE TO HIS FATHER WHO SHOULD BE THE RECIPIENT...

.....

THE TIME BETWEEN THE PACKAGE WAS RECEIVED AND OPENED...

I HEARD A HASTY UNPACKAGING SOUND RIGHT AFTER HE GOT THE PACKAGE.

THIS 500YEN COIN IS A COIN WIRETAP, I PUT IT IN THE PACKAGE OF THAT DELIVERY.

THIS IS AN IMPROVED VERSION OF THE COIN THAT WAS USED IN THE ABANDONED BUILDING... I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT

*REFER TO VOLUME 2 & 3.

FOR I HAVE ONLY READ YOUR FATHER'S NAME IN THE DOCUMENTS.

IF YOU USED THAT SYSTEM BEHIND YOUR FATHER'S BACK THEN IT WOULD BE REASONABLE.

NO WONDER... YOU KEPT ACTING LIKE YOU DON'T GIVE YOUR FATHER A DAMN.

I JUST SAID I WAS SENT BY AMAKO, TO SAY IT MORE CLEARLY...

I DIDN'T SAY I'M A POLICE OFFICER,

.....

ARE YOU REALLY A COP? WHAT ARE YOU?

I'M ONE OF THE 48.

AH?
YOU
MEAN
...

AH!

!

...
THIS
GUY
...

OH...
SO YOU
KNOW
IT.

KAJI,
YOU'RE
AWE-
SOME.

THA...
THAT'S
AWE-
SOME.

DON'T
TELL ME
YOU'RE A
KAKEROU
MEMBER.
REALLY?
REALLY?
A KAKEROU
MEMBER?

IT CAN'T
GUARANTEE
YOUR
PERSONAL
SAFETY
ANYMORE.

HUH?

PLAN
CHANGED...
I WILL USE
THIS
IDENTITY.

YOU
KNOW

IN SHORT,
IT'S A
LONG
STORY.

MAYBE
YOU'RE
THINKING
HOW A PERSON
LIKE ME
CAN BE A
KAKEROU
MEMBER.

ACTUALLY,
THE SYSTEM
YOU USED,
IT GOT SOME
EXTERNAL
DEFECTS.

NOW I KNOW
YOU ARE THE
CONTRACTEE,
THINGS ARE
TOTALLY
DIFFERENT NOW.
I WILL
TELL YOU.

?.....

HEY KAJI, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

...ANYWAY, I'LL DO THE REFUND PROCEDURE FOR YOU.

THAT'S WHY I'M VISITING YOU THIS LATE.

ACTUALLY I'M TRYING TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM IN SECRECY.

WHICH MEANS YOUR CRIME WILL PROBABLY BE EXPOSED.

IT HAS BEEN 3 MINUTES.

SEEMS LIKE THIS TIMER IS BROKEN...

THEN, ENJOY YOUR MIDNIGHT SNACK.

YOU SEE, WITHOUT US KNOWING,

WHAT? ...I'M LEAVING.

.....

.....

WA... WAIT A SECOND.

KAJI.

KEEP TALK-ING

嘘臭いね。

TO SOMEONE INNOCENT.

BRUTAL MURDER

YOUR SON WANTED TO INCRIMINATE THAT...

EVEN THOUGH THEY KNEW YOUR SON WAS THE MURDERER. BECAUSE IF THEY DID THAT...

OF COURSE THE POLICE KNEW THAT AND ACCEPTED IT.

THEY COULD KEEP AN ADVANTAGEOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU.

AFTER ENJOYING THE PLEASURE FROM THE MURDER,

HE WANTED TO ERASE ALL TRACES.

"HE'S GOOD AT MAKING MONEY, BUT HE IS AN IDIOT AND DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO USE MONEY."...

"HAYAMA HAS LOTS OF MONEY." THEY THOUGHT.

IT WAS ALL FOR MONEY.

KNOCK

KNOCK

.....

LEO?

WHAT?

.....

WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

.....

HOWEVER, THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THIS SYSTEM THAT HAS CONTINUED FOR MANY YEARS...

IT WAS NOT AS IF THE ENTIRE POLICE FORCE AGREED TO THE FRAMINGS.

AFTER THE INCIDENT, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE 1 BILLION YOU PAID ON MARCH 28 2005,

THE POLICE SHOULD HAVE FOUND A SCAPEGOAT FOR YOUR INCIDENT.

YOU CAN THINK OF THE CAUSE OF THE FREEZE TO ORIGINATE FROM THESE OPPONENTS OF THIS SYSTEM... BECAUSE OF THIS, THE POLICE COULD NOT PROVIDE THEIR CONVENTIONAL SERVICES NOW.

A SYSTEM FREEZE...

THERE EXISTED HIGHER-UPS THAT DID NOT LOOK KINDLY TO THIS SYSTEM AND COULD NOT BE BOUGHT WITH MONEY,

IN ESSENCE ...

WHICH MEANS THE EXECUTIVES BEHIND THE SYSTEM REQUIRED A SECRET THIRD PARTY TO DEAL WITH ERRORS,

AND THEN THEY ENTRUST THE PROBLEM TO SOMEONE LIKE ME,

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HERE COMES NO.20!!

WELL,

I AM ACTING AS THAT PROBLEM FIXER, OR RATHER...

A KIND OF HANDYMAN WHO SHEDS LIGHT ON THE SEEDY UNDERBELLY OF THESE ILLEGAL DEALINGS, PLEASE THINK OF ME LIKE THAT.

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HERE COMES NO.20!!

WHILE THE ACCOMPLICE ISN'T HERE...

I HAVE TO FINISH THIS TONIGHT...

THE SON MAKING THOSE CONNECTIONS WITH THE POLICE BY HIMSELF?

THIS GUY CAN'T HAVE THE BRAINS TO PULL SOMETHING LIKE THAT OFF. THERE'S GOT TO BE AN ACCOMPLICE.

……

AND?

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO SOLVE THIS?

PLEASE CONSIDER ME AS COMPLETELY UNRELATED WITH THE POLICE, WITHOUT ANY SHRED OF LINK BETWEEN US.

I AM AN EXISTENCE WITH NO BACKING FROM THE POLICE.

BEFORE I SPEAK OF THAT, THERE IS SOMETHING I NEED TO SAY.

HUHU... WELL.

OBVIOUSLY YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, BUT

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

HUH?

STOP FLIP FLOPPING YOUR STORY, YOU JUST SAID THE POLICE REQUESTED YOU.

THINGS HAVE THEIR INSIDE AND OUTSIDE MEANINGS. THERE ARE TIMES WHERE YOU SAY INSINCERE WORDS JUST TO BE POLITE.

TWITCH

THIS KIND OF THING, WHICH OCCURS IN THE REAL SOCIETY ALL THE TIME LIKE IT'S OBVIOUS, IS KNOWN AS "ADULT CIRCUMSTANCES".

HAS THE RISK OF EXPOSING EVERYTHING OUT IN THE OPEN.

THOSE WHO REQUESTED ME, PROVIDE ME WITH TOP SECRET INFORMATION.

WHICH MEANS THIS INFORMATION, THROUGH ONE WAY OR ANOTHER...

FURTHERMORE, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THEY RUN INTO A SITUATION WHERE THEY CAN'T HELP BUT TO SACRIFICE A MEMBER OF THE UPPER ECHELON.

THE POLICE WON'T ADMIT TO ANY CRIMES AND HAVE THE POWER TO CRUSH SCANDALS, BUT

SO,

THEY DON'T WANT TO EXPEND UNNECESSARY ENERGY.

I AM TO SHOULDER ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY.

IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS AN UNEXPECTED CONTINGENCY DURING THIS WORK,

THEY HAVE COLLECTED ALL THE NECESSARY EVIDENCE TO PIN THE CRIME ON ME IN ADVANCE.

AND I MADE MONEY BY CLAIMING I CAN WIPE OFF YOUR CRIMES FROM THE RECORDS." ...LIKE THIS, ALTHOUGH IT'S A BIT OF A STRETCH.

"ME, A CON ARTIST, GRABBED YOU WEALTHY ELITE BY THE BALLS,

THEREFORE ...

THERE WAS NEVER PROOF OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN ME AND THE POLICE.

THE REASON FOR THAT BEING,

AND NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS,

NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION I LEAK,

THE POLICE CAN MAINTAIN THAT THEY WERE NOT INVOLVED.

EVEN IF YOU ASK THE POLICE, OF COURSE NOBODY WOULD KNOW ANYTHING OR COULD ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ME. THAT'S THE KIND OF EXISTENCE I AM.

THAT IS THE POLICE'S STANCE. THE "ADULT CIRCUMSTANCES". SO ABOUT MY EXISTENCE,

THAT IS MY WORK. PLEASE CONSIDER THAT I CAME HERE WITH SUCH A MENTALITY.

NOW LET'S GET TO THE SUBJECT AT HAND.

THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY.

THAT IS NOT TO SAY THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO DO ANY OF THEIR FUNCTIONS.

THAT DIDN'T MEAN "ALL".

ALTHOUGH I SAID BEFORE THAT THE POLICE CAN'T DO THEIR CONVENTIONAL SERVICES...

"MAKE THEIR POWER 100% WITH JUST A LITTLE HELP."

RIGHT NOW THE POLICE CANNOT USE ALL OF THEIR POWER TO PIN THE CRIME ON AN INNOCENT CIVILIAN.

THAT IS MY ROLE.

I HAVE NO POWER AND AM THE SAME AS JUST ANOTHER GUY ON THE STREETS.

BESIDES THE FACT THAT I AM A KAKEROU MEMBER,

OF COURSE THE POLICE KNOW THAT AS WELL.

I DO NOT INDIVIDUALLY POSSESS THE POWER TO TAKE CARE OF THE CRIME COVER-UP SYSTEM.

I COLLECT IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE.

THAT'S HOW.

I'M SAYING... HOW ARE YOU GONNA DO IT.

.....

IT'S A SIMPLE MATTER...

IN ORDER FOR THE POLICE TO FRAME A CULPRIT WITHOUT EFFORT,

I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF RESEARCHING THE OKUTAMA CASE QUITE EXTENSIVELY.

THE GROTEQUE MURDERS OF THE HANAO FAMILY... THIS...

.....

WELL I HESITATE TO SAY IT,

BUT THIS WAS A MOST CRUEL MURDER.

YOU KILLED THEM?

WHAT WAS THE REASON.....

MY APOLO-GIES...

NEVER-MIND.

AH

...

HUUUH?

.....

ON THAT DAY, A SUSPICIOUS CAR WAS SEEN NEAR THE ABANDONED BUILDING.

THE SCENE WHERE THE CRIME TOOK PLACE IS ELSEWHERE ...

THE BODIES WERE DISCOVERED IN AN ABANDONED BUILDING DEEP IN THE MOUNTAINS, BUT

THAT CAR'S GONE WITHOUT A TRACE.

WITHOUT A SINGLE MISTAKE.

THERE'S NO WAY THAT CAR'S STILL AROUND... BY NOW.

WHERE IS THIS CAR NOW?

PLEASE COOPERATE WITH ME HERE .....

ISN'T THERE ANY OTHER EVIDENCE?

.....

AND AS REMUNERATION, I WILL RECEIVE HALF THE BRIBE, 500 MILLION.

I WILL PLANT THAT EVIDENCE ON SOME CHUMP, AND THE POLICE CAN TAKE HIM IN.

AND WITH THAT, THIS INCIDENT WILL BE COMPLETELY OUT OF THE POLICE'S HANDS

THE BRIBE OF ONE BILLION GETS SENT BACK TO YOU.

IF I CAN'T DO THAT,

MAY END UP GOING TO PRISON.

IS IT OK? YOU...

...

THERE IS SOMETHING I FOUND OUT FROM MY INVESTI-GATION.

I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN... IN FACT,

THERE WERE SOME PARTS OF THEIR BODY MISSING FROM EACH CORPSE.

FROM ALL THREE VICTIMS,

A SORT OF COLLECTION... TROPHY HUNTING, I SUPPOSE...

I CAN DO IT... ONE LAST PUSH...

SEEMS I HIT THE NAIL ON THE HEAD... WELL THEN.

YOU MUST BE...

COLLECT-ING THEM, NO?

AND WHY I, A KAKEROU MEMBER, WAS SENT.

...HE SHOULD ARRIVE SOON.

PLEASE LET HIM IN THROUGH THE GATES.

IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR THE MAIN TOPIC.

I WILL EXPLAIN THE MAIN CONTENTS OF MY WORK,

!

PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAIN-TANCE.

I AM KAKEROU REFEREE NUMBER 20.

KARL BELMONT.

THE NAME IS

I PROMISE IMPARTIAL JUDGE-MENT.

EXCEL-LENT!

HAH HAH HAAH!

!!

A FOREIGNER REFEREE?

IF I LOSE IN THE KAKEROU MATCH, THEN I WILL BEAR YOUR CRIME.

OH AND,

SINCE YOU'VE TAKEN AN INTEREST IN IT, I WILL ALSO STAKE MY MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS.

NO ONE WOULD TOSS AROUND EVIDENCE THAT COULD ENDANGER THEMSELVES.

TO ASSURE SAFETY.

SO I USE KAKEROU

HAVING SAID THAT, MY OBTAINING THE EVIDENCE LEADS TO THE REMOVAL OF YOUR LINKS TO THE CRIME.

AND I RECEIVE REMUNERATION. WIN OR LOSE, THERE'S NOOOOTHING BAD IN IT FOR YOU.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IF I WIN, I WILL RECEIVE THAT EVIDENCE.

KAJI-KUN, WHAT IS THIS?

NICE ONE ... MY FRIEND.

KARL-SAN, HERE.

.....

HOW ABOUT IT? DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

IF I'M NOT IN A SITUATION LIKE THAT, THEN I WILL CALL YOU BY CELL...

PLEASE MAKE YOUR ENTRANCE BASED ON THE FLOW OF MY CONVER-SATION.

SO IT WAS PLACED WITHIN THE PACKAGE OF THE EXPRESS DELIVERY... I SEE... AND KAJI-KUN...

!! THIS IS... CONN-ECTED TO THE WIRE-TAP?

TO FACE HIM HEAD-ON HONESTLY.

THERE IS NO NEED FOR ME

WITH A CON.

I JUST NEED TO SUCKER HIM IN

CHAPTER 152
AN ARRANGED VICTORY

IT MEANS HE CAN RECEIVE HAYAMA-SAMA'S MURDER EVIDENCE...

IF KAJI-SAMA WINS!!

TICK

AND,

IT MEANS HAYAMA-SAMA'S CRIME WILL BE BORN BY KAJI-SAMA.

IF HAYAMA-SAMA WINS!!

TICK

AND ABOUT TRANSFERRING KAJI-SAMA'S MEMBERSHIP.

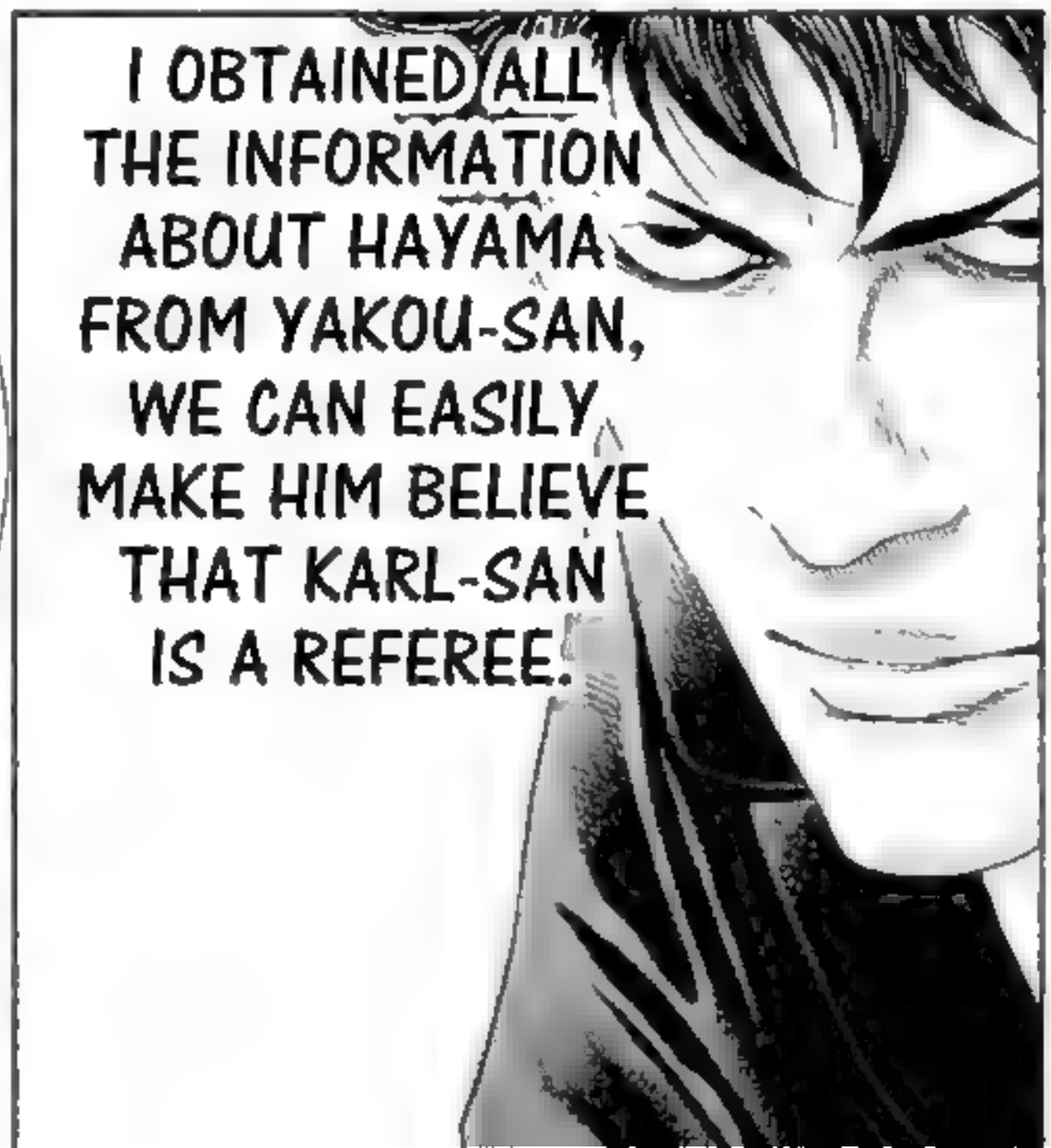
IS THAT OKAY?

嘘喰い㊾。

IT'S NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE MULTIPLE MEMBERSHIPS OF KAKEROU.
IT'S FORBIDDEN TO BET ON THE MEMBERSHIPS BETWEEN 2 KAKEROU MEMBERS.
WHICH MEANS THE TRANSFERRING OF KAJI-SAMA'S MEMBERSHIP IS ALLOWED.
YOU'RE NOT OUR CLUB MEMBER.
ACCOR-DING TO MY INVESTI-GATION, HAYAMA-SAMA,

IF YOU WIN, YOU WILL BECOME A KAKEROU MEMBER.

WHAT KIND OF GAME WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY.
ALRIGHT, THEN LET'S DECIDE...


I OBTAINED ALL THE INFORMATION ABOUT HAYAMA FROM YAKOU-SAN, WE CAN EASILY MAKE HIM BELIEVE THAT KARL-SAN IS A REFEREE.

I HAVE A SUGGESTION, IN ORDER TO MAKE IT FAIR,

COULD YOU LEAVE THE DECISION OF CHOOSING THE GAME TO ME?

.....

OI, KARL.

.....

MAKE SURE THE GAME WILL BE OVER ASAP.

IT'LL BE TROUBLESOME IF WE GET CAUGHT BY MY DAD.

.....

REFEREE KARL.

ROGER THAT~

HAH HAAAH,

LISTEN, KARL-SAN.

!

HOW ABOUT THIS?

.....

KAJI-SAMA...

WHAT?

THE BEST WAY IN MY MIND IS THIS...

BUT IT'S NOT NECESSARY WE USE IT.

I CAME UP WITH LOTS OF WAYS... TO TRICK HAYAMA.

PLEASE ACT ACCORDING TO THE SITUATION AND TRY TO CREATE A CHANCE TO LET US PLAY THESE.

ANYWAY, THE PLAN NEEDS TO USE POKER CARDS.

.....

POKER CARDS?

HOW ABOUT WE USE THESE?

.....

REFEREE KARL,

.....

LET'S HAVE A QUICK MATCH WITH THESE CARDS.

KAJI-
SAMA.

.....

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

WE CAN'T... USE THESE!!

CRUSH

WHA?

I BELIEVE KAJI-SAMA HAS PLAYED LOTS OF SIMILAR GAMES WITH MANY PEOPLE BEFORE.

CONSIDER-ING THE WHOLE SITUATION ...

...KARL-SAN...

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE PREVIOUS CASES, BUT I THINK THIS WAY IS NOT FAIR FOR HAYAMA-SAMA.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU CAN PREPARE SOMETHING TO CHEAT BEFORE THE GAME, RIGHT?

.....
THAT'S RIGHT.

WE DO... JUST SOME ORDINARY POKER CARDS.

WELL, IT'S OKAY TO USE POKER CARDS, BUT NOT THIS SET.
...WE DON'T EVEN NEED TO CHECK THEM.

AH!!
I HAVE TO MAKE IT COMPLETELY FAIR. HAYAMA-SAMA, DO YOU HAVE POKER CARDS IN YOUR HOUSE?

I EXPECT THAT HAYAMA HAS POKER CARDS IN HIS HOUSE... IF HE DOESN'T, THEN PLEASE BRING OUT THIS SET... IF...

THESE CARDS ARE NOT RIGGED.

IN ORDER TO MAKE HIM FEEL THE GAME IS FAIR, PLEASE REFUSE USING MY CARDS AND LET HIM ACCEPT PLAYING WITH POKER CARDS AS IT IS.

GOT IT? THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS YOU HAVE TO PRETEND THAT YOU'RE BEING COMPLETELY FAIR.

HE STILL DOESN'T WANT TO PLAY POKER CARDS, THEN USE THE BACKUP PLAN.

A QUICK AND FUN GAME...

ALRIGHT... WE DECIDED TO PLAY WITH POKER CARDS, BUT THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS TO PLAY WITH THEM...

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, KARL-SAN.

HOW ABOUT THIS, KARL-SAN.

AH.

.....

KARL-SAN, COMMON GAMES ARE TOO BORING...

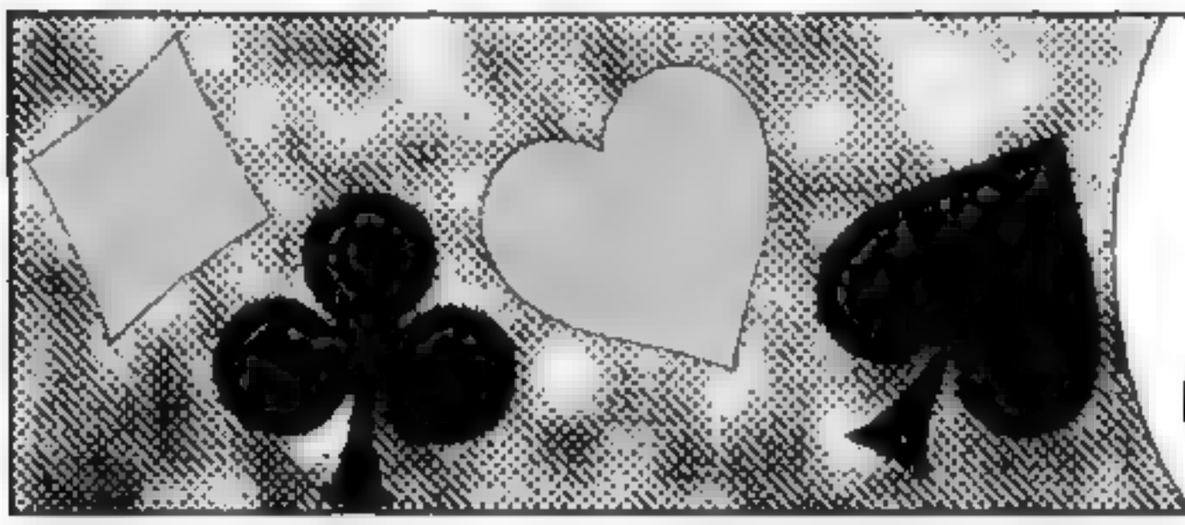
LET'S OPEN ALL THE CARDS ON THE TABLE.

WE CAN SEE ALL THE CARDS... AND THEN DECIDE WHO WILL START FIRST.

AFTER THAT, WE CHOOSE 5 CARDS IN TURNS, USING POKER RULES TO DETERMINE WHO WINS.

PLAYERS CAN CHANGE THEIR CARDS ONCE... YOU CAN DECIDE TO CHANGE THEM OR NOT... BUT,

THE SECOND PLAYER CAN'T EXCHANGE WITH THE CARDS THE FIRST PLAYER GIVES UP.



THE RANK OF EACH PLAYERS' CARDS WILL ONLY DEPEND ON THE "HANDS" AND "NUMBERS" NOT THE "SUITS" AND "COLORS".

YOU CAN BUILD WHATEVER HAND YOU LIKE.

YOU CAN SEE ALL THE CARDS... WHICH MEANS IN THIS GAME,

AHHH?

WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THIS, KAJIIIII~

.....

KAJIIIII~ I...

GOT IT NOW~

YOU ARE THE STUPID ONE AFTER ALL... DIDN'T YOU HEAR

YOU THINK I'M A FUCKING CHILD?

YOU THINK YOU'RE SMART, HUH?

!

WHAT HAYAMA-SAMA SAID IS RIGHT, KAJI-SAMA.

SO HE'S TALKING ABOUT THAT THING...

WHAT DID YOU SAY~?

...PHEW,

WHAT I SAID BEFORE~? STUPID KAJI!!

WHAT HAYAMA-SAMA WAS TRYING TO SAY IS

AFTER MANY ROUNDS, WITH THE CARDS DECREASED, WHAT HANDS CAN YOU BUILD?

IT MIGHT BECOME MORE INTERESTING AT THAT TIME...

BASICALLY, IN THIS GAME, IT'S DIFFICULT TO YIELD A RESULT WITHIN A FEW MATCHES.

SINCE YOU CAN SEE YOUR OPPONENT'S HAND, I'M AFRAID SEVERAL DRAWS WILL COME OUT.

WE CAN ADD SOME RULES AND MAKE THIS GAME FASTER...

WELL, I SUPPOSE ...

BUT HAYAMA-SAMA SAID THAT HE WANTED "A QUICK GAME"... THIS GAME IS NOT SUITABLE.

HOW ABOUT WE ADD A RULE WHERE EVEN IF WE HAVE A DRAW, YOU STILL LOSE. THEN I'LL PLAY.

YOU'RE WASTING MY TIME, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO RIGHT NOW?

OI, STUPID KAJI, YOU TRIED TO BE SMART AND JUST CAME UP WITH SUCH A SHITTY GAME?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, KAJI-KUN!!

THAT'S QUITE SWEET, ISN'T IT?

!!

I MEAN YOU HAVE TO GIVE A SUGGESTION SUCH AS "IF IT COMES OUT A DRAW, THEN I STILL LOSE."

HAH HAAH, SO I SAID YOU WOULD LOSE IF YOU DID THAT.

HOW ABOUT WE JUST GIVE IT A TRY?

WELL, KARL-SAN.

BUT I HAVE TO GO FIRST.

LET PLAY IT FOR REAL, KARL-SAN.

A FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF TENS.

I BUILT

AND MINE IS FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF ACES.

RIGHT NOW, MY HAND IS BETTER.

ONLY KEEP THE 10 OF SPADES AND THE KING.

GIVE UP THE REST.

AND THEN, I CHANGE.

A STRAIGHT FLUSH OF SPADES.

AND THEN BUILD THIS HAND,

BE-CAUSE YOU TOOK FOUR TENS,

!!

TH... THIS IS...

IF YOU DON'T CHANGE, YOU'LL LOSE.

ALRIGHT, IT'S KARL-SAN'S TURN.

UGH... THEN HOW ABOUT...

.....

WHAT IF I MAKE THE BEST STRAIGHT FLUSH IN MY FIRST TURN, KAJI-KUN!!

NO MATTER WHICH CARDS I EXCHANGE WITH THE REST ON THE TABLE,

I CAN NEVER WIN!!

THE BEST HAND YOU CAN BUILD IS A NINE-HIGH STRAIGHT FLUSH.

THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE, BECAUSE I TOOK 4 TENS FIRST...

AGAIN, I KEEP A TEN.

THEN I WILL BUILD THIS HAND.

IF YOU DO THAT,

A ROYAL FLUSH... THIS WILL WIN FOR SURE... IN OTHER WORDS,

"A DRAW MEANS I LOSE..." EVEN WITH SUCH A RULE, I STILL WON'T LOSE.

...HAYAMA-SAN,

STUPID BRAT... THANKS TO YOU, WE DIDN'T EVEN NEED TO DO IT OURSELVES.

THE ONLY THING LEFT IS KARL-SAN HAS TO LET ME GO FIRST.

THAT IS WAY TOO FAR,

EVEN THOUGH I WAS THE ONE WHO PROPOSED THIS GAME...

NO NO, YOU PROPOSED THIS GAME, SO YOU HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS... RESPONSIBILITY... YEAH, YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY.

.....

LAY ALL 52 CARDS FACE UP ON THE TABLE.

THE FIRST PLAYER TAKES 5 CARDS, AND THEN THE SECOND PLAYER TAKES 5, THEN USE THEIR CARDS TO DETERMINE THE VICTOR.

CHAPTER 153
A DEPRAVED HEART

THE HANDS THE SECOND PLAYER CAN BUILD WILL BE LIMITED.

AFTER THE FIRST PLAYER TAKES 4 TENS,

THE HANDS THAT CAN BEAT A FOUR-OF-A-KIND OF TENS, ARE STRAIGHT FLUSHES UP TO A NINE-HIGH, OR FOUR-OF-A-KIND THAT IS HIGHER THAN OR EQUALS TO JACKS.

IF HE BUILDS A STRAIGHT FLUSH, I'LL BUILD A ROYAL FLUSH.

IF IT'S FOUR OF A KIND, ACES,
THEN I'LL BUILD A KING-HIGH STRAIGHT FLUSH.

BUT THE FIRST PLAYER CAN CHANGE CARDS AND MAKE A HAND THAT CAN BEAT THOSE TWO HANDS.

RIGHT NOW, NO MATTER WHICH CARDS HE CHANGES,

NEVER MIND BEATING ME, HE CAN'T EVEN MAKE A DRAW...

.....
RIGHT NOW...

OF COURSE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT THIS CON.

HE, THE ONE WHO STUPIDLY ACCEPTED MY GAME,

IT'LL BE MY WIN FOR SURE.

IF KARL-SAN CAN LET ME GO FIRST,

THEN I'LL WIN.

CHAPTER 153
A DEPRAVED HEART

I JUST NEED TO CHEAT WHILE DECIDING THE FIRST PLAYER, THEN KAJI-KUN WILL WIN.

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QUITE EASY ...

.....

HE COMPLETELY BELIEVED THAT.....

HE'S TOTALLY IN MY CON NOW.

..... THIS BRAT,

ALRIGHT,

IF KAJI-SAMA LOSES, THEN WE WILL TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GETTING THE STAKE.

KARL-SAN IS A KAKEROU REFEREE.

HAYAMA-SAMA...

OF THE OKUTAMA CASE?

COULD YOU TAKE OUT THE MURDER EVIDENCE...

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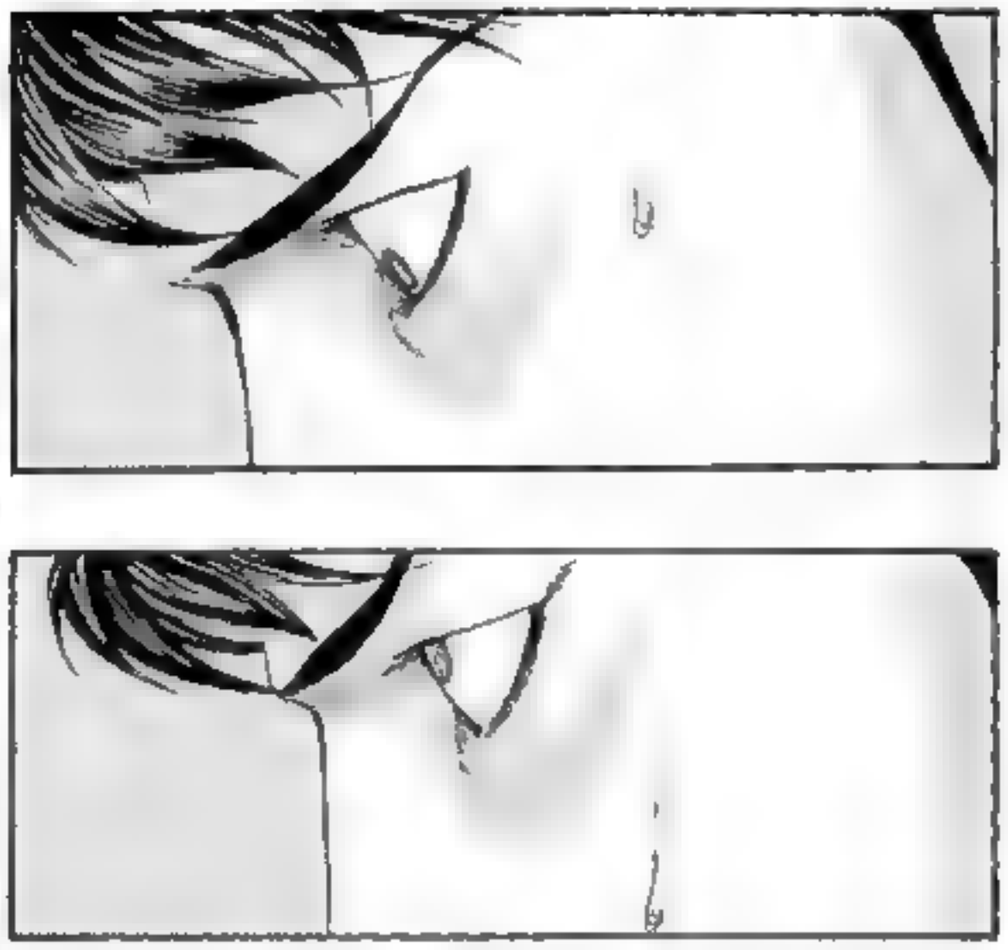
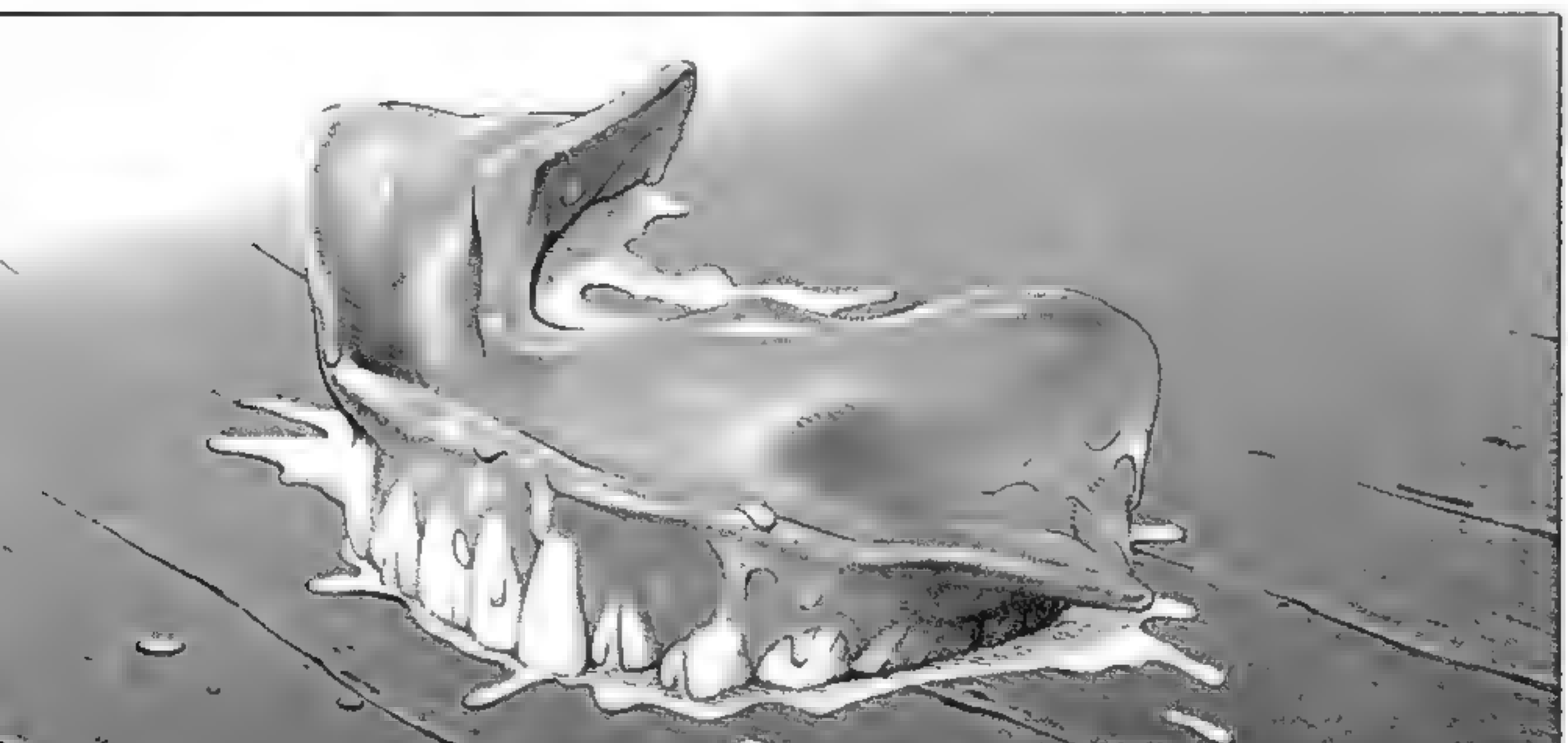
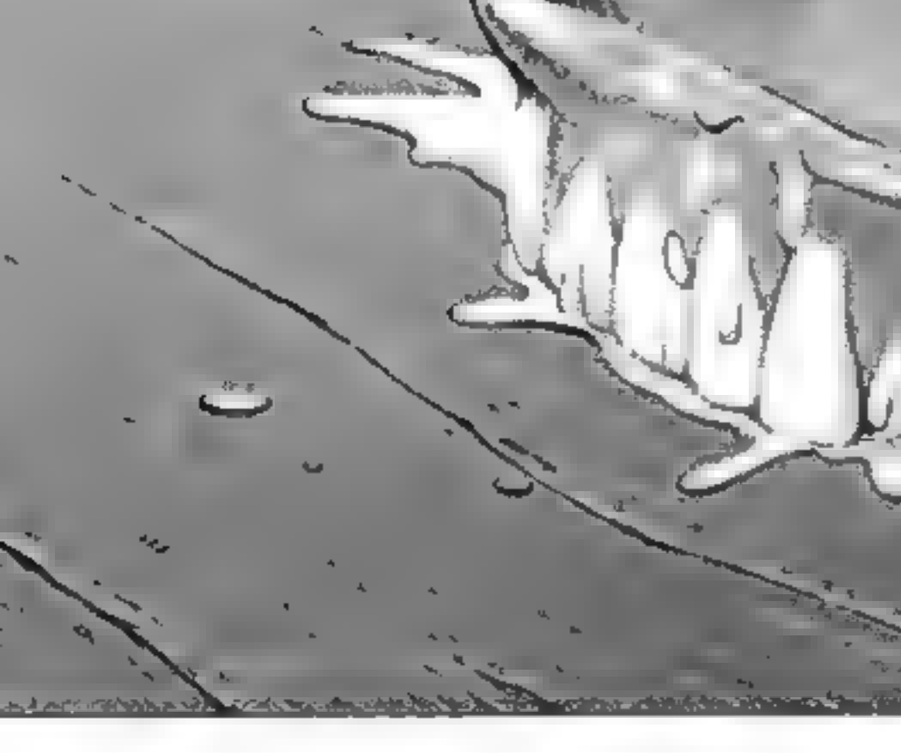
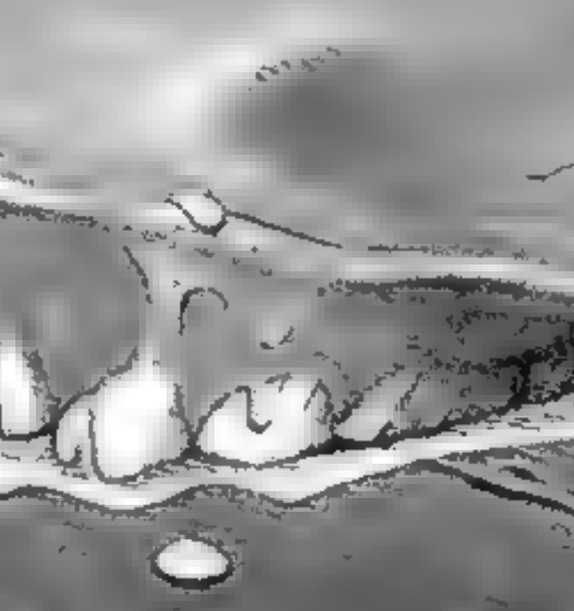
HUH?






HE'S
YOU...
YOU... DROPPED YOUR... DENTURE.
USING DENTURE AT THIS AGE?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I HAPPENED TO WEAR IT TODAY...

HEHE, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO IMPLANT 3 TEETH IF I LOSE, HEHEHE.

TILL THIS DAY, THE FAMILY IS STILL CHEWING FOR ME INTIMATELY.

THE SMALL ONE IS THE KID'S...

AND THOSE TWO BESIDE IT ARE THE DAD'S AND MOM'S.

...
THAT GUY,

HOW DARE A BUM LIKE HIM INSULT ME.

SIGH... HE JUST DIDN'T UNDERSTAND!

LISTEN TO ME, HAYAMA.

IF YOU KEEP LIVING LIKE THIS, I'M AFRAID YOUR LIFE WILL BECOME PRETTY TOUGH.

YOU'RE BEYOND THE AGE WHEN YOU SHOULD'VE GRADUATED.

A PERSON NEEDS TO LEARN HOW TO SERVIVE BY HIMSELF.

A RELATIONSHIP ALSO WORKS LIKE THAT... YOU'LL NEED A FRIEND THAT YOU CAN TRUST AND BE FRANK WITH.

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YOU CAN'T JUST... RELY ON YOUR PARENTS' WEALTH LIKE THAT FOREVER.

A SCRUFFY APPEARANCE MEANS YOUR INSIDE IS THE SAME TOO...

THAT'S HOW PEOPLE THINK... DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

I CAN TELL JUST BY LOOKING AT YOUR APPEARANCE.

LET'S STOP THIS DEPRAVED LIFE FIRST, ALRIGHT?

WHILE LOANING IMPORTANT MONEY TO SOMEONE, HE'D SIZE UP THE PERSON TO JUDGE IF THE PERSON IS REALLY TRUSTWORTHY, RIGHT? THIS IS CRUCIAL.

YOUR FATHER IS RUNNING A LOAN BUSINESS, RIGHT?

YOU GOTTA FIX THOSE TEETH FIRST.

WELL... WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS...

I GUESS I BEAT AROUND THE BUSH A BIT TOO MUCH.

HASN'T YOUR FATHER TAUGHT YOU THIS?

HOW COULD A BUM CAREFULLY KEEP HIS TEETH THAT CLEAN~

AND IT'S NOT JUST THAT GUY,

MANY OF THOSE WHO CAME AND ASKED FOR FINANCIAL HELP ARE ALSO LIKE HIM.

HOW DARE A GOD DAMN BUM INSULT ME LIKE THAT~

THIS IS FORBIDDEN~ FORBIDDEN~

BUT A RICH MAN LIKE ME, HAVING BAD TEETH!? IT'S NOT FAIR!!

THEY LEAD A POOR LIFE~

BUT STILL HAVE BEAUTIFUL TEETH! THOSE POOR BASTARDS, ONLY THEIR TEETH ARE BEAUTIFUL!!

BEAUTIFUL!!

YOU AGREE, RIGHT? KAJI!!

A BUM MUST BE SCRUFFY LIKE A BUM!

.....
YEAH...

.....

IT'S TIME... TO START.

REFEREE KARL,

.....

I BELIEVE THIS ONE IS REAL...

.....
BUT...

.....
EXCE-
LLENT
...

IS IT OKAY...?
KAJI-KUN...

AND I... EAT CUP NOODLES TOO.

EATS CUP NOODLES ...

BUT I'M GETTING TIRED OF IT.

I GUESS I'LL TRY CURRY OR SEAFOOD FLAVOR NEXT TIME..."

I'M GOING TO EAT.

"THE TRADITIONAL FLAVOR IS THE BEST.

FINDING SOMETHING TO KILL TIME WITH DURING THE 3 MINUTES OF WAITING...

THINK OF SUCH A TRIVIAL THING.

THIS GUY WOULD THINK OF SOMETHING LIKE THIS TOO,

RIGHT? THE SAME THING... WE DO THE SAME THING, BUT WHY...

UNFOR-
GIVABLE.

SLAP

DING

HERE WE GO.

ALRIGHT, LET'S BEGIN. TAILS MEANS KAJI-SAMA WILL GO FIRST... HEADS MEANS HAYAMA-SAMA WILL GO FIRST.

FLIP

KAJI-SAMA WILL GO FIRST FOR THE FIRST ROUND. WE'LL CHANGE THE SEQUENCE EVERY ROUND.

IT'S TAILS.

AL-RIGHT, GAME ON!!

OH!

KAJI-SAMA CHANGED HIS CARDS.

NOW, AFTER HAYAMA-SAMA CHANGES HIS CARDS, FIRST ROUND WILL END.

STAND UP!!

THERE ARE NO CARDS YOU'RE SEEKING FOR.

AND THEN FALL INTO HELL!

STEP INTO THE BATTLE-FIELD,

BRING A GUN WITH NO BULLETS,

HAVE NO RIGHT TO EAT CUP NOODLES!

YOU ...

?

?

……

HUH?

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SPECIAL ONE-SHOT

A PECULIAR GAMBLER, USOKUI

AH

G4

AH

AH

PANT

YOU UNDER-ESTIMATED IT.

PANT

PANT

STORY WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO USOKUI, WHO LOST THE BET OF THE WHIPPING GAME TO THE CASINO OWNER, RANKO!?

NOT TO MENTION AN UNDISCIPLINED MAN LIKE YOU.

EVEN A TOUGH MAN CAN DIE FROM THE SHOCK OF JUST A FEW WHIPPINGS,

HUHU...

A WHIP IS AN EFFECTIVE "WEAPON" THAT HAS BEEN USED FOR TORTURES AND PENALTIES SINCE ANCIENT TIMES.

BUT THE GAME HAS JUST STARTED.

UUUGH...

AH...!

YOU WANT TO SLEEP TILL THE MORNING, RIGHT?

PANT

PANT

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PANT

PANT

PANT

I WONDER HOW MANY WHIPS YOU CAN TAKE BEFORE YOU DIE?

PANT

PANT

HUHU, IT FEELS TERRIBLE, RIGHT?

DIZZINESS, HEAT, NAUSEA... YOU CAN'T EVEN THINK NORMALLY ANYMORE...

I NEVER GET TIRED OF THIS! I CAN'T QUIT THIS!

LICK

PANT

PANT

ALRIGHT, YOU GO FIRST THIS TIME...

PANT

THE MORE STRONGER A GAMBLER YOU ARE, THE MORE YOU WILL TRY TO LOWER THE RISK... THOSE WHO WERE WHIPPED BY THE REAL WHIP WERE ALL HOLDING 1~2 CHIPS. SINCE THE OWNER ISN'T BEARING ANY RISK, SHE CAN PLAY THE GAME WITH A RELAXED MOOD.

IF THE OWNER LOSES, SHE WILL BRING OUT A TOY WHIP INSTEAD...

IT'S IMPORTANT TO WIN IN THE FIRST GAME.

IN ORDER NOT TO BE GUESSED, I'M SURE HE'S HOLDING LOTS OF CHIPS THIS TIME,

HE REALIZED IT TOO LATE.

HUHU, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE, UNLESS YOU CAN SEE THROUGH MY HAND.

THIS GAME... IF YOU GRAB MORE THAN 5 CHIPS, IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO BE GUESSED IN THE FIRST GUESS.

BUT IT'S THE SAME WITH THE OPPONENT.

IF YOU CAN'T GUESS IT RIGHT, YOU WILL DIE~

6 CHIPS... WHICH MEANS IT WILL BE 6 WHIPPINGS ...
カラン

MY MY, YOU DROPPED YOUR CHIPS.
1...
2...
3...
SEEMS LIKE THE WHIPPING WAS VERY EFFECTIVE.

P-PLEASE ...
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AH!

HUHU, WHAT A WEAK EXCUSE.

.....

LET'S HAVE A RE-DO ...

PLEASE... I ACCIDENTALLY LET GO OF MY HAND...

9

8

12 SECONDS.

YOU BETTER ANSWER IT NOW OR IT'LL EXCEED 5 MINUTES. YOU STILL HAVE...

.....

11... 10...

KUKU KUKU...

KU... KU...

RAISE

LET'S MAKE SOME ROOM FOR HIM THIS TIME.

IT'S PART OF THE FUN WATCHING THE OPPONENT BROODING AND SUFFERING.

THEY ONLY PLAY THE GAMES THEY'RE PROFICIENT IN... THAT'S WHAT CASINO OWNERS DO.

I SEE, WELL DONE.

KU KU.

KU

I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST AN INSANE SADISTIC.

HUHU.

I'M SURE YOU MAKE LOTS OF MEN CRY BY USING THIS METHOD~

BUT BECAUSE YOU'RE PROFICIENT IN THIS GAME...

THE ONE WHO WILL CRY TONIGHT IS YOU.

YOU STOPPED THE MAN BEHIND YOU FROM COUNTING DOWN, AND SAID IT'S PART OF THE FUN WATCHING ME SUFFERING...? HUHU...YOU WERE LYING.

AFTER YOU COUNTED THE 6 CHIPS I DROPPED...

.....

WHY DID YOU STOP HIM WHEN HE COUNTED THE SECONDS TO "8"? YOU WERE ABLE TO COUNT THE 6 CHIPS I DROPPED, BUT HESITATED TO THE COUNTDOWN OF THE SECONDS.

!

IT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE AFRAID THAT YOU WOULD REACT TO A "CERTAIN NUMBER".

YOU'RE PROFICIENT IN THIS GAME, SO YOU'RE AVOIDING HEARING THAT NUMBER SUBCON-SCIOUSLY.

IN OTHER WORDS, THE NUMBER OF CHIPS YOU'RE HOLDING IS...

THAT WAS ON PURPOSE!? HE DROPPED HIS CHIPS FOR THIS!?

CLARA 7 CHIPS

BUT... CONSIDERING THAT HE COULD FIND OUT MY NUMBER WITH THIS KIND OF METHOD, I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY.

WHO THE HELL IS THIS MAN!?

TO BE CONTINUED

PLUS MY 6 CHIPS, IT'S 13 CHIPS IN TOTAL...

ISN'T IT?

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